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Chapter 1

Anesthesiologists

THIS IS JINBO UNIVERSITY EAST GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER.
I'VE BEEN WORKING HERE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND IT'S ALWAYS A MOUTHFUL TO INTRODUCE.
BUT TODAY, I'M KISSING THIS PLACE GOODBYE.
Resignation
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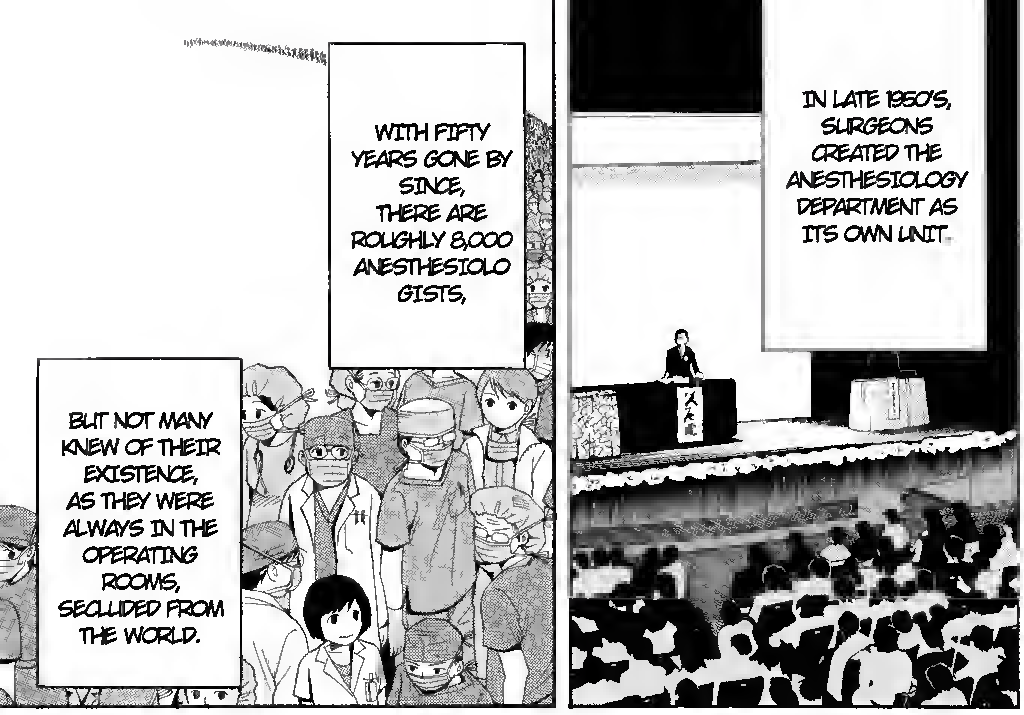
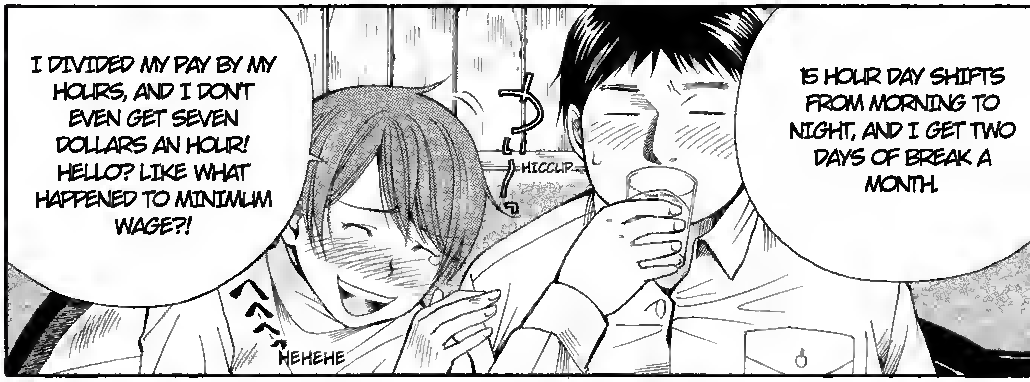
SNAP
AS OF TODAY, I, ANESTHESIOLOGIST, HANAKO HANAOKA, AM HANDING IN MY RESIGNATION.

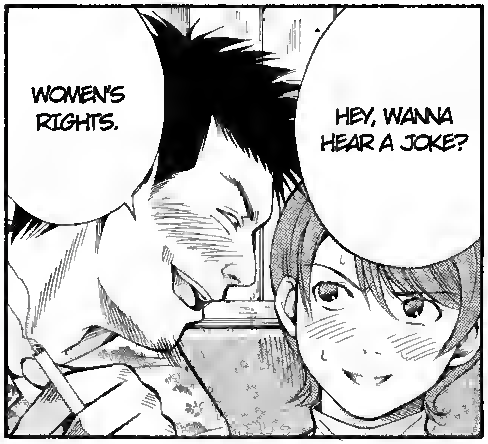

IN LATE 1950'S, SURGEONS CREATED THE ANESTHESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT AS ITS OWN UNIT.
WITH FIFTY YEARS GONE BY SINCE, THERE ARE ROUGHLY 8,000 ANESTHESIOLOGISTS,
BUT NOT MANY KNEW OF THEIR EXISTENCE, AS THEY WERE ALWAYS IN THE OPERATING ROOMS, SECLUDED FROM THE WORLD.

WHEN IT COMES TO SURGERIES, THEY PUT THE PATIENTS TO SLEEP AND MANAGE THEIR VITAL ACTIVITIES ALL THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.
IN OTHER WORDS, ANESTHESIOLOGISTS HAVE BEEN QUIETLY ACTING AS THE LIFELINE FOR THE PATIENTS.

I'VE HAD IT!
I HATE MY HOSPITAL!

HOWEVER ...
DAMN IT!
BAM


I DIVIDED MY PAY BY MY HOURS, AND I DON'T EVEN GET SEVEN DOLLARS AN HOUR! HELLO? LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TO MINIMUM WAGE?!
HEHEHE
HICCUP
15 HOUR DAY SHIFTS FROM MORNING TO NIGHT, AND I GET TWO DAYS OF BREAK A MONTH.


WOMEN'S RIGHTS.
HEY, WANNA HEAR A JOKE?

YOU LADIES NURSES?
HEHEH EHE

HEY, FATSO!
...
WHO IS HE...
TURN
SOMEONE, HELP ME OUT...
ギャハ
JUST KIDDING ...
A HA HA
NICE ONE, TETSUO!
SLIP
スパッ
HM?
KISS
FALL
ドサッ
TETSUO ?!
SOMEONE JUST COLLAPSED!
WHAT'S UP?
AHHHHHHHHHH

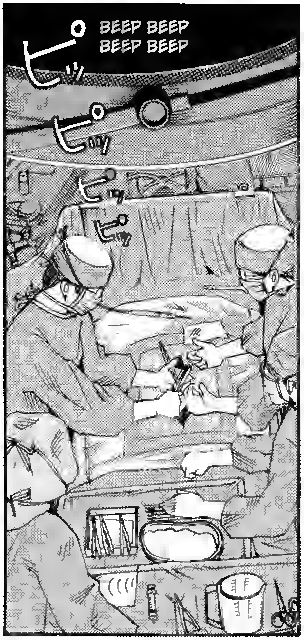
HE'S GOING INTO CARDIAC ARREST!
HIS BREATHING'S WEAK...
YES, A CARDIAC ARREST. PLEASE BRING AN AED.*
I'M STARTING CPR!
*AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR
ASANOME, MOUTH TO MOUTH!
OKAY.
ITSUKI, CRICOID PRESSURE!
OKAY!
STARTING CHEST COMPRESSION!
PUSH
PUSH
グッ
グッ
グッ
グッ

WE'RE EMS!
OKAY! START DEFIBRILLATING!
OKAY!
WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU...?
CHATTER
CHATTER
WE'RE ANESTHESIOLOGISTS!

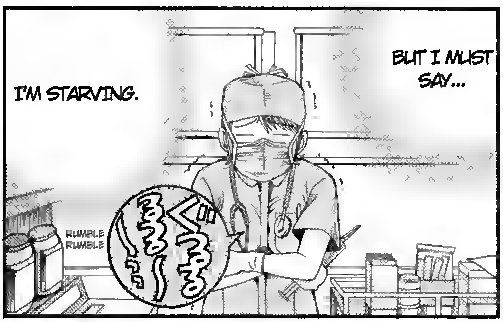
WOOOO
NEE-NAW NEE-NAW
NO KIDDING...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D WORK DURING DINNER.
SIGH
HUH?
BUT I'M GLAD I COULD DO ONE LAST JOB.
RUMMAGE
CHIEF UZUKI...
I'D... LIKE TO QUIT MY JOB.
Resignation
PASS
I THOUGHT LONG AND HARD TO COME TO MY DECISION. I'LL BE LEAVING YOU WITH ALL THE TROUBLE, BUT I JUST CAN'T...
I'M SORRY WE'RE DOING THIS ON THE STREET.
WHAT IS THIS?
HANAOKA, THIS ISN'T SOME FICTITIOUS WORLD,
SO YOU CAN'T JUST QUIT WITH A "RESIGNATION" LETTER...
YOU NEED AN ACTUAL RESIGNATION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE PROFESSOR...
THOUGH I DOUBT HE'LL APPROVE WHEN WE'RE SHORTHANDED.
TO BE FRANK...
YOU CAN'T QUIT!
SHOCK
NO... NO WAY!
WHAT?
YEAH IT'S A SHAME

I SPENT MY ENTIRE DAY OFF WRITING THIS...

MAN ...


BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP

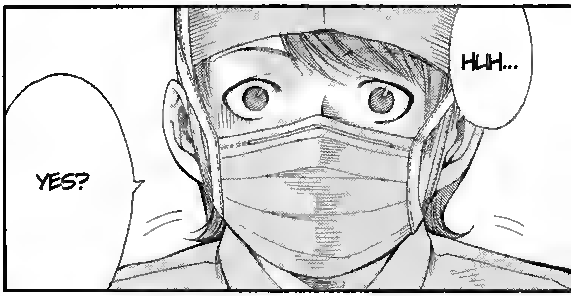
AND SOMETHING'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE.
I GUESS I'M NOT GETTING MY MEALTIME AGAIN TODAY...


I'M STARVING.
BUT I MUST SAY...
RUMBLE RUMBLE

POP UP
THIS OPERATION DOESNT LOOK LIKE IT'LL BE DONE SOON...

BUT WE'RE UNDERMANNED, SO I HEAR THAT EVEN THE PROFESSOR'S GIVING ANESTHETICS DURING SURGERIES.
THE WORLD IS ENDING...
HEY, ANESTHESIOLOGIST!
USUALLY, WE HAVE THE MEDICAL INSTRUCTOR OR SOME COLLEAGUES FROM THE ANESTHESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT WALKING AROUND,
GIVING US BATHROOM OR MEAL BREAKS, WHILE THEY TAKE OUR PLACES...
GO GRAB SOME FOOD.
30 MINUTES.
OKAY.

WHAT?!
BUT I INJECTED 2MG OF VECRONIUM FOUR MINUTES AGO...
SO I DON'T THINK WE NEED ANY MORE...


HUH...
YES?

OH... IT'S HIM AGAIN..
THE PATIENT'S STOMACH IS STIFF. I CAN'T CLOSE IT LIKE THIS!
OKAY...

DON'T TALK BACK TO US WHEN YOU'RE ONLY AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST!
JUST ADD MORE WHEN WE TELL YOU TO ADD MORE!

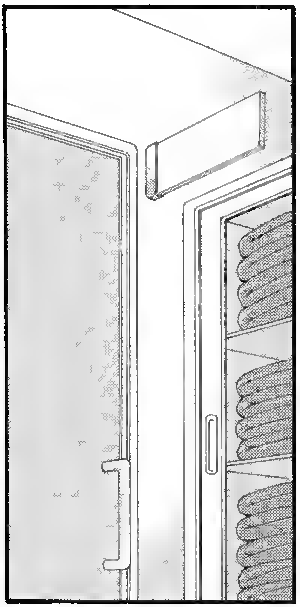
THIS IS HOW YOU USE ANESTHESIOLOGISTS.
...

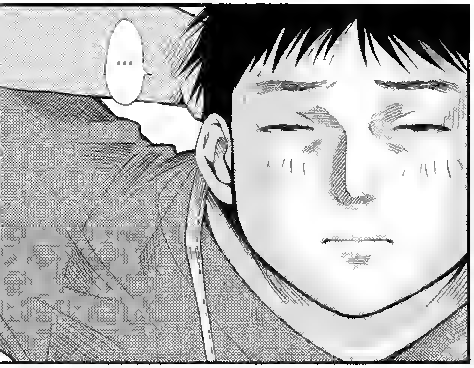
SEE THAT?
MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER THIS WELL.

ONE AGAINST MANY. I CAN'T WIN THIS ONE.
EEK!

THIS IS HOW YOU USE ANESTHESIOLOGISTS.
OH
HM? ARE YOU ALMOST DONE?
YES...
TSK
GRAB
THIS IS FOR A DAY'S HARD WORK.
EVERY DAY AND NIGHT, WE GET SENT INTO THIS CRAMPED, COLD OPERATING ROOM.
AND WE CAN'T EVEN TALK BACK TO THE SURGEONS NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO...
THIS IS NOT WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR!

CHIEF...
I REALLY CANT... TAKE THIS...
ANYMORE...

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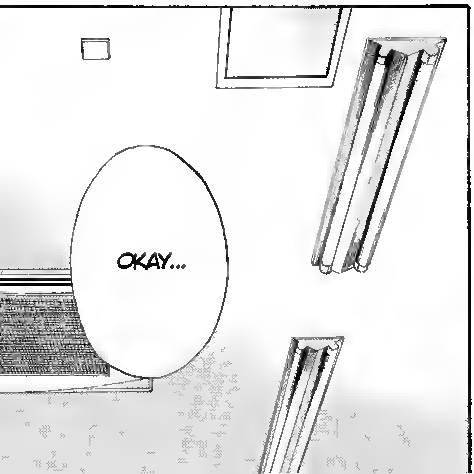
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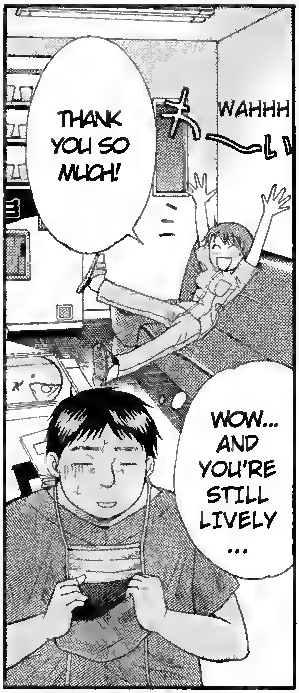
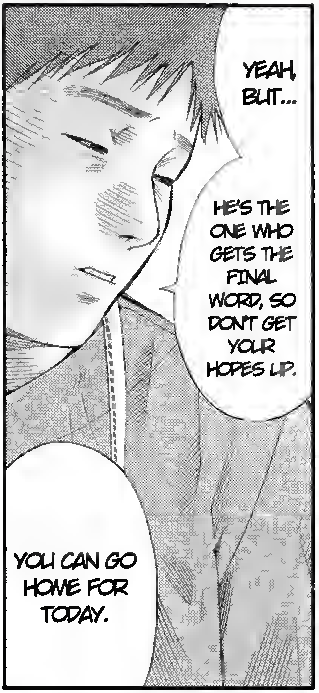

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
WAHHH
WOW... AND YOU'RE STILL LIVELY ...


YEAH, BUT...
HE'S THE ONE WHO GETS THE FINAL WORD, SO DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP.
YOU CAN GO HOME FOR TODAY.

禁煙
I'LL TALK TO THE PROFESSOR.
OH, REALLY?!

YES!
AT LAST, I CAN QUIT THE ANESTHESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT!

VSHH

BUT...
SQUEAK
キュッ
SEE YOU NEVER, YOU PERVERTED OLD MEN!
IT JUST DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...
I WONDER WHY...
TURNING OFF MY CELLPHONE.
FLIP
YES, PERFECT.
WHATEVER, I'LL WORRY ABOUT IT LATER.
ドォーン
WOOSH
ONCE I LEAVE THE HOSPITAL, IT'S OVER.
I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY NEED ME AGAIN.
WAIT A MINUTE!
SURPRISE
ビクッ

NO, THERE'S AN...
—
EMERGE NCY.
WHEEZE
CHIEF, WHY ARE YOU BREATHING SO HEAVILY?
OH, ARE YOU ON A DIET?
HUH ?
PFFT

PHEW...
PANT, PANT
I'M GLAD I CAUGHT YOU BEFORE YOU LEFT.

WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW.
TURN
DON'T INSTINCTIVE LY RUN AWAY!
STEP STEP STEP

HEY, HANAOKA!
DO YOU HONESTLY HATE ANESTHETICS THAT MUCH?!

HUH?
HEART THUMP
ドキッ

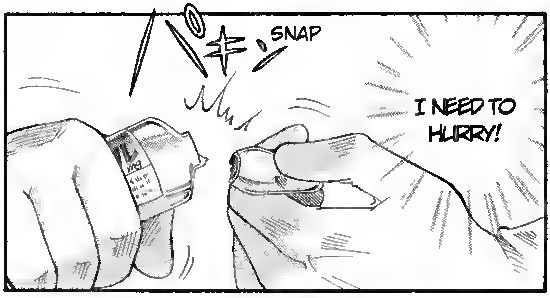
WE NEED YOU!

TWO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS HAPPENING SIMULTANEOUSLY! ONE HAS A RUPTURED ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM.
AND THE OTHER NEEDS AN EMERGENCY C-SECTION FOR FETAL DISTRESS!

I KNOW YOU RECOGNIZE THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION!
WE CAN'T DO THIS WITH JUST INTERNS!

DOCTOR!! THEY'RE COMING IN!
ROGER THAT!

PRRRRRR
YES, THIS IS OPERATING ROOM 3.

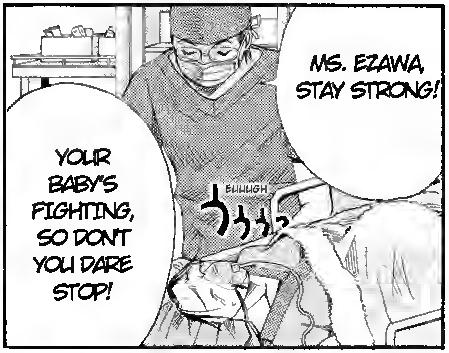

パチン SNAP
I NEED TO HURRY!

ガラガラ RATTLE
SHOOT! THEY'RE ALREADY HERE!

GOODNESS, WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
ガタ——ン CLATTER
I THOUGHT I DECIDED TO QUIT THIS JOB!

DOCTOR! MY BABY!
PLEASE!
PLEASE JUST SAVE MY BABY!

EMERGENCY CESAREAN SECTION BECAUSE OF FETAL ASPHYXIATION ...
EVEN A SECOND IS PRECIOUS DURING THIS SURGERY.
THIS PIPE WILL SEND OXYGEN,
SO TAKE A SLOW, DEEP BREATH...


MS. EZAWA, STAY STRONG!
YOUR BABY'S FIGHTING, SO DON'T YOU DARE STOP!
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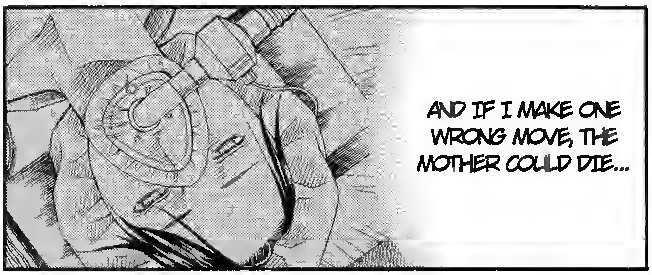
DOCTOR, I'M GOING TO GO SANITIZE.
OKAY ...


AND IF I MAKE ONE WRONG MOVE, THE MOTHER COULD DIE...

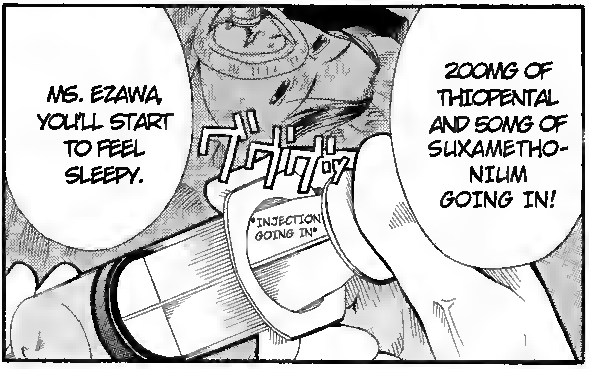
WE NEED TO TAKE THE BABY OUT OF THE UTERUS ASAP,
OR THE BABY COULD DIE!

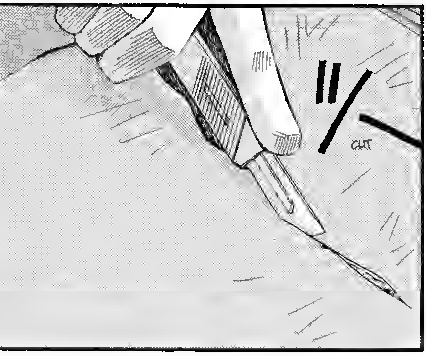
WHY DID I CHOOSE SUCH A STRESSFUL DEPARTMENT?
SHUDDER
PHEW...

DOCTOR, ARE YOU READY?
YES!
OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY, PEDIATRICS, AND ANESTHESIOLOGY... THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE IN THIS ROOM ARE ALL UNPOPULAR, SHORTHANDED, AND BUSY.
NOT TO MENTION NO ONE WANTS TO DO A DANGEROUS JOB AND GET REPORTED FOR THEIR FAILURE.

IF I DIDN'T LIKE THIS JOB, I WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN LASTED A DAY!
INJECTING ANESTHETICS!

STARTING OPERATION.
SCALPEL
CATCH


MS. EZAWA, YOU'LL START TO FEEL SLEEPY.
INJECTION GOING IN
200MG OF THIOPENTAL AND 50MG OF SUXAMETHONIUM GOING IN!


CUT

PLEASE APPLY CRICOID PRESSURE!
START THE OPERATION!
OKAY.

CILIARY REFLEXES GONE!
BEEP

STOPPING SPONTANEOUS BREATHING.
BUT THIS IS WHERE IT GETS DIFFICULT.
STARTING INTUBATION!
JUST OVER FIVE MINUTES SINCE THE PATIENT GOT IN TO START THE OPERATION.
WE'RE MAKING GOOD TIME.
I ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE!
SHING

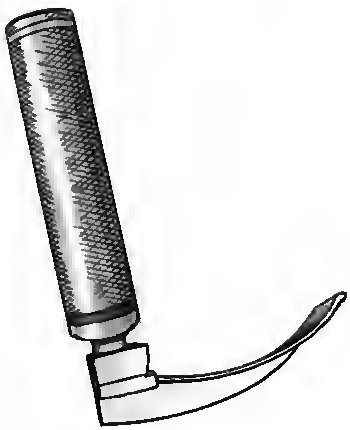
INSERTING A TUBE DOWN A NON-BREATHING PATIENT'S THROAT MAY SOUND SIMPLE...
SST
DOCTOR, CAN YOU SEE IT?
A LITTLE MORE ...
BUT IN REALITY, IT TAKES A LOT OF TECHNIQUE, AND ONE MISTAKE COULD KILL THE PATIENT.
I SEE IT!
OKAY, TAKE OUT THE STYLET!
SHWP
PUMP 10CC OF AIR!
OKAY!
OKAY, IT'S IN.
HAH
WE SUPPORT PEOPLE'S LIVES BY DOING A CHAIN OF SEEMINGLY BORING AND TEDIOUS TASKS.

WAHHHHH
I ACTUALLY DON'T MIND A JOB LIKE THAT.
WAHHHHH
THE BABY'S OUT! AT 1:25.

PARDON?!
THEN LET'S DO JUST THAT: ONE MORE!
ANOTHER URGENT PATIENT...
DROP
I, HANAKO HANAOKA WOULD LIKE TO QUIT ANESTHESIO-LOGY AFTER ALL!
END OF EPISODE 1

GOOD GOING, HANAOKA. EVERYTHING LOOKS SMOOTH.
CHIEF!

I'M SORRY FOR ASKING YOU TO COME BACK IN TODAY,
BUT I'M REALLY GLAD I ASKED YOU.
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME WANT TO COME BACK FOR MORE.
OH CHIEF...
HE HE



SMILE FOR THE DOUBLE HEART!!
ALL RIGHT!
ジャキィーン!
SNIP
WE JUST PLANT IN A SECOND HEART FROM A DONOR!!
KEEPING THE PATIENT'S OWN HEART JUST LIKE THAT,
IS HE RE-TAR-DED !?
D-DOUBLE HEART!!?
LIKE THIS, THE PATIENT WILL HAVE A DOUBLE HEART, CURING ALL HIS DISEASES, AND BRINGING SMILES TO EVERYONE'S FACES!!
HEY!! CARDIAC PASS!!
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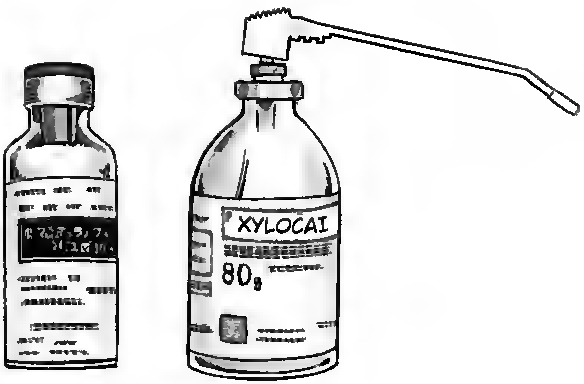
CATCH
HERE IT GOES!
I-IS THIS GUY SERIOUS...!?

CHAPTER 2

OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE ANESTHETICS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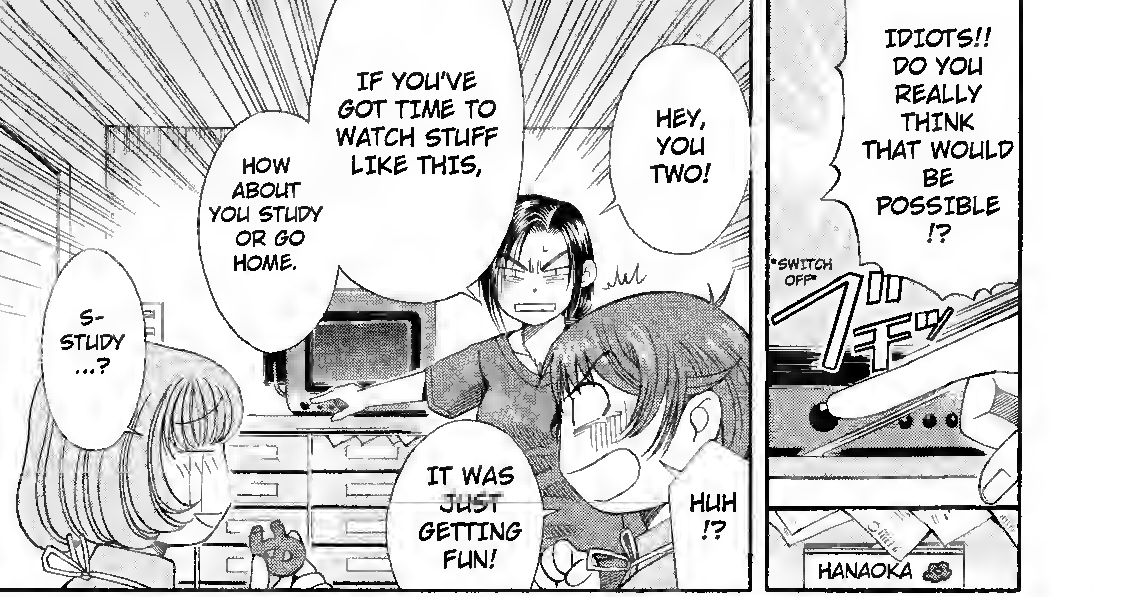
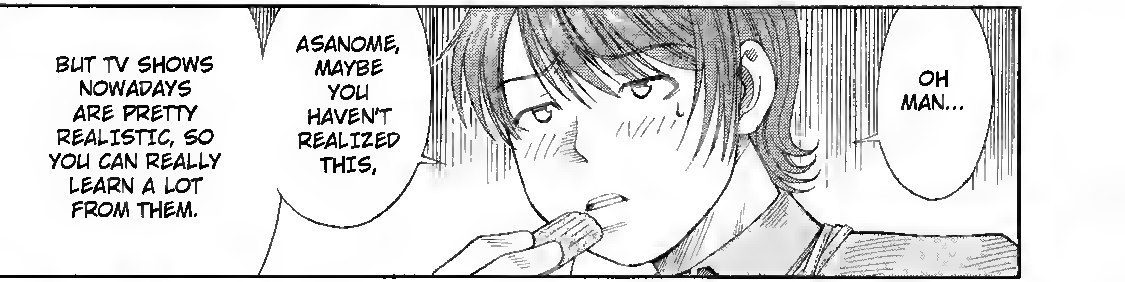

HEY, YOU TWO!
IF YOU'VE GOT TIME TO WATCH STUFF LIKE THIS,
HOW ABOUT YOU STUDY OR GO HOME.
S-STUDY ...?
IT WAS JUST GETTING FUN!
HUH !?
IDIOTS!! DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE !?
SWITCH OFF
HANAOKA


ASANOME, MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED THIS,
BUT TV SHOWS NOWADAYS ARE PRETTY REALISTIC, SO YOU CAN REALLY LEARN A LOT FROM THEM.
OH MAN...

MENACING ATMOSPHERE
ゴゴゴゴ
SO... THIS IS YOUR STUDY-METHOD, HUH...?
L-
LET'S GO HOME, ITSUKI.
Y-YEAH...
CLANG
CLANG
ガタン
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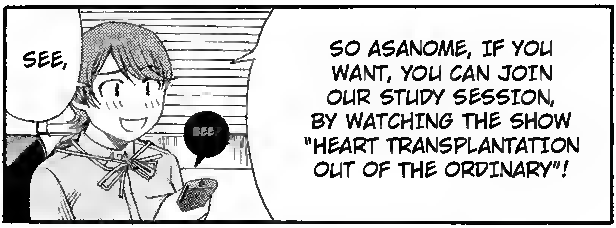
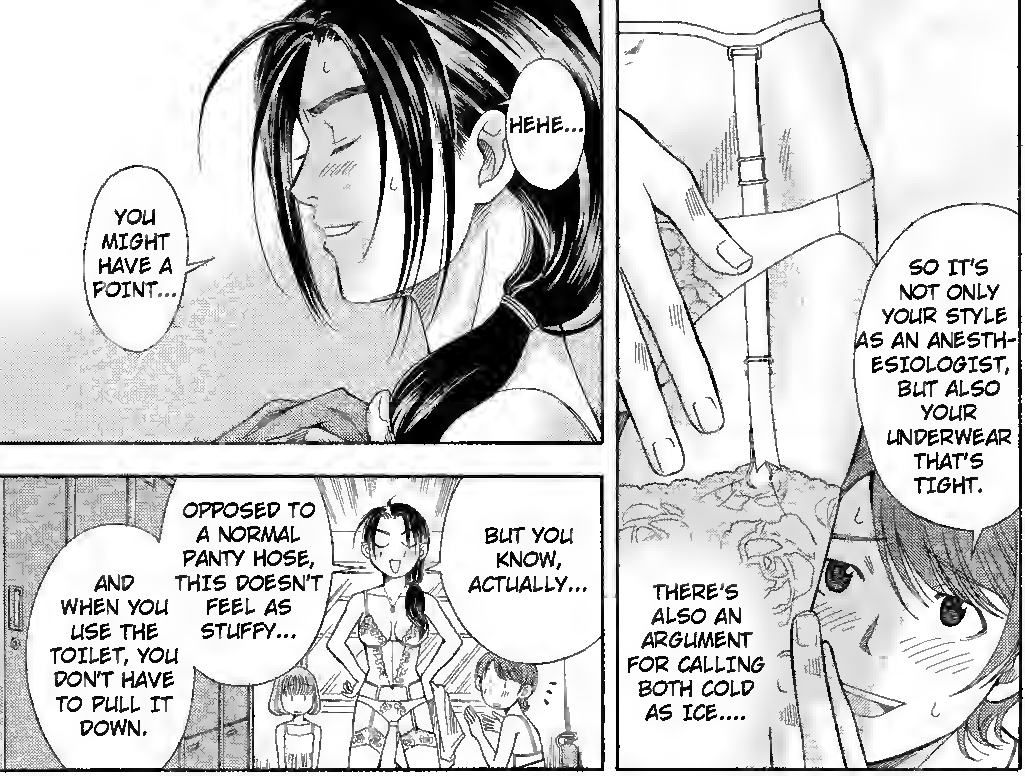
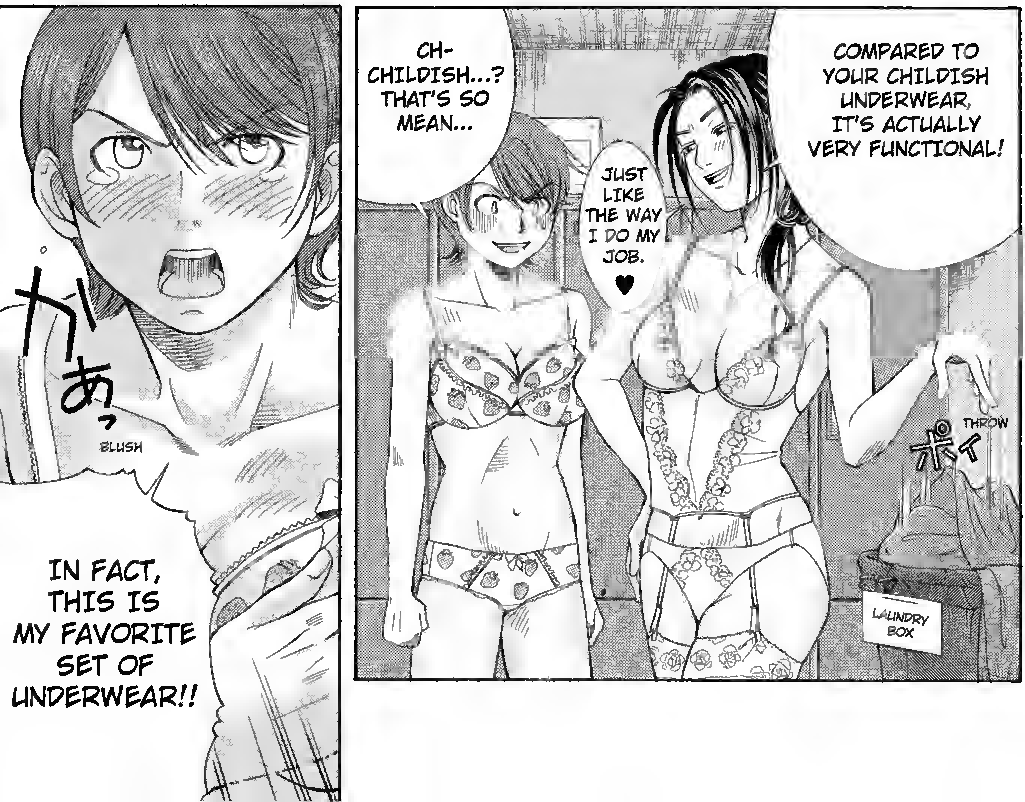
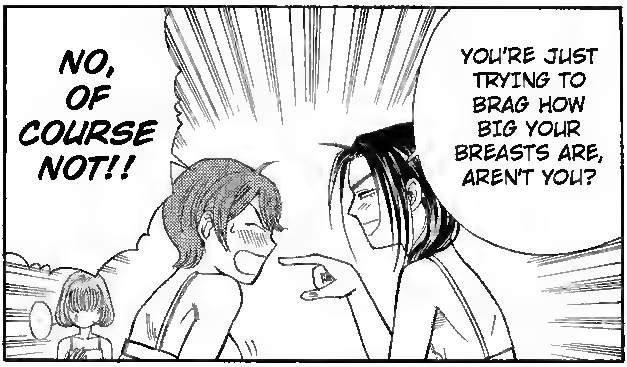

SEE,
BEE
SO ASANOME, IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN JOIN OUR STUDY SESSION, BY WATCHING THE SHOW "HEART TRANSPLANTATION OUT OF THE ORDINARY"!

JAMS IN
CARDIAL INSER-TION SUCCES-FUL!!
HMM...

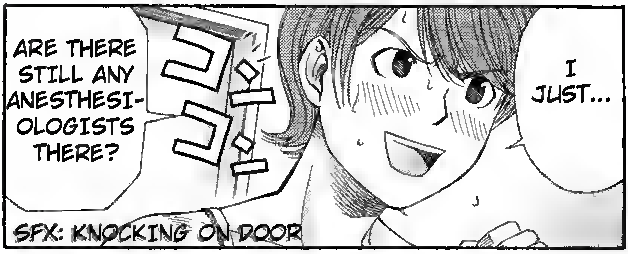
GEEZ, YOUNGSTERS NOWADAYS...
SIGH
AND EVEN WHEN THEY HAVE SO MUCH STUDY WORK WAITING FOR THEM AT HOME...
...
STICKING AT WORK EVEN AFTER THEIR HOURS, IDLING THEIR TIME AWAY...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU TWO LOOKING AT!!?
ARE THESE WHAT THEY CALL GARTERS?
WHAA !!
FLING


SO IT'S NOT ONLY YOUR STYLE AS AN ANESTH-ESIOLOGIST, BUT ALSO YOUR UNDERWEAR THAT'S TIGHT.
THERE'S ALSO AN ARGUMENT FOR CALLING BOTH COLD AS ICE....
HEHE...
YOU MIGHT HAVE A POINT...
BUT YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY...
OPPOSED TO A NORMAL PANTY HOSE, THIS DOESN'T FEEL AS STUFFY...
AND WHEN YOU USE THE TOILET, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PULL IT DOWN.


COMPARED TO YOUR CHILDISH UNDERWEAR, IT'S ACTUALLY VERY FUNCTIONAL!
JUST LIKE THE WAY I DO MY JOB. ♥
CH-CHILDISH...? THAT'S SO MEAN...
THROW
LAUNDRY BOX
IN FACT, THIS IS MY FAVORITE SET OF UNDERWEAR!!
BLUSH


NO, OF COURSE NOT!!
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO BRAG HOW BIG YOUR BREASTS ARE, AREN'T YOU?

BECAUSE WITH MY SIZE, IT'S HARD TO FIND ANYTHING ELSE THEN THOSE BEIGE OLD-WOMAN STYLE ONES...
ぼそっ
MUTTER
I WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE TO FIND A SET WITH A CUTE PATTERN...


ARE THERE STILL ANY ANESTHESI-OLOGISTS THERE?
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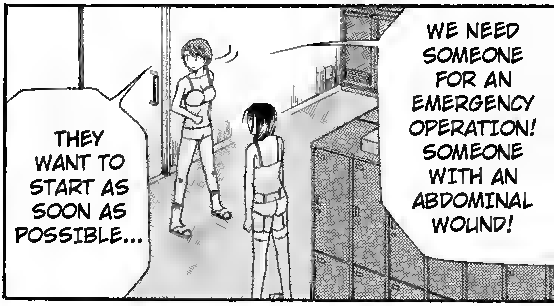
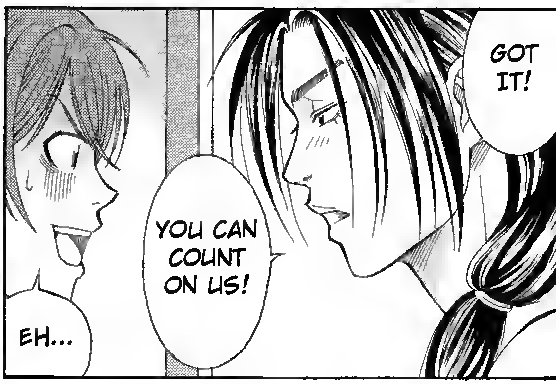
I JUST...
SFX: KNOCKING ON DOOR

BUT WE JUST UNDRESSED!!
STOP COMPLAIN-ING!
AND HURRY UP!


WE NEED SOMEONE FOR AN EMERGENCY OPERATION! SOMEONE WITH AN ABDOMINAL WOUND!
THEY WANT TO START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...


GOT IT!
YOU CAN COUNT ON US!
EH...

SHOW SOME SPIRIT!! LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!!
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TIGHTEN
IT'S NOT LIKE AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST CAN INFLUENCE THE LENGTH OF THE OPERATION BY WORKING FASTER...
LET'S DO OUR BEST ANYWAY.
THEN YOU GIRLS CAN GO HOME!!

DURING THE WHOLE OPERATION, OF ALL THE DOCTORS THEY STAY THE CLOSEST TO THE PATIENT.
PEOPLE TEND TO THINK THAT THE ONLY JOB OF AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST IS TO PUT THE PATIENT TO SLEEP BEFORE THE OPERATION.
IN FACT THAT'S A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING.
IN CASE OF TOO MUCH BLOOD LOSS, THEY ARE THE ONES RESPONSIBLE FOR A BLOOD TRANSFUSION.
BEEP BEEP
AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR JOB IS TO MONITOR AND MAINTAIN THE LIFE STATUS OF THE PATIENT.
IF THE BLOOD LOSS GETS REALLY BAD, WE USE A TECHNIQUE CALLED 'PUMPING'.
PSSHHH

WHICH MEANS WE PUMP BLOOD INTO THEIR BLOOD VESSELS USING A HUGE SYRINGE!!
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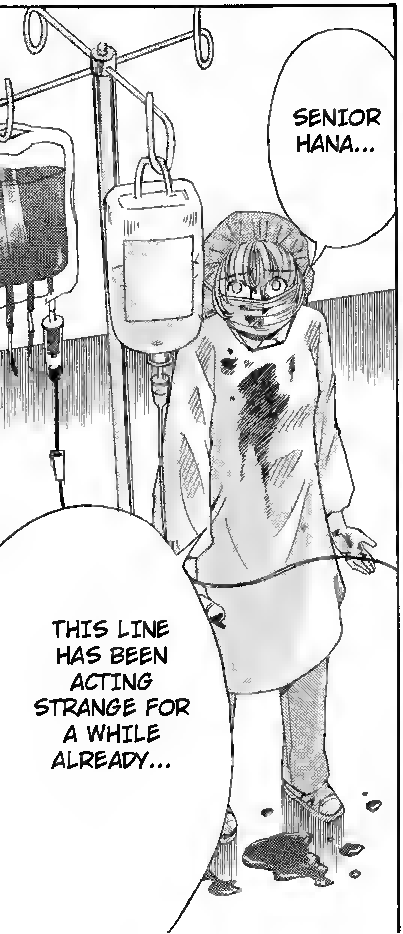
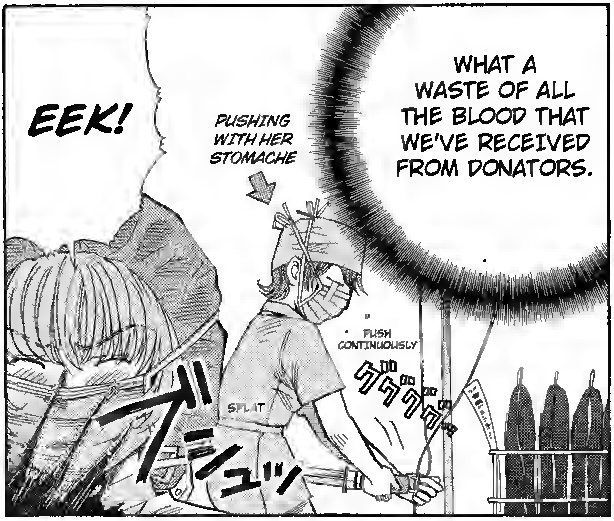
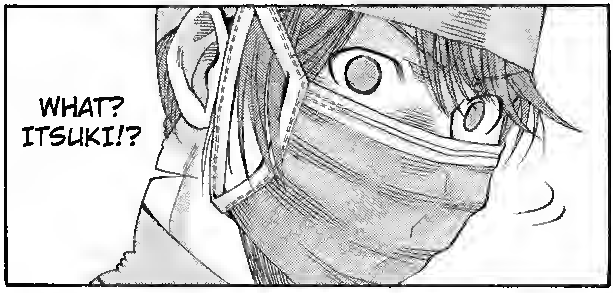
PUMP IT IN!!
WOOSH
ぎゅうう
ぽい TOSS

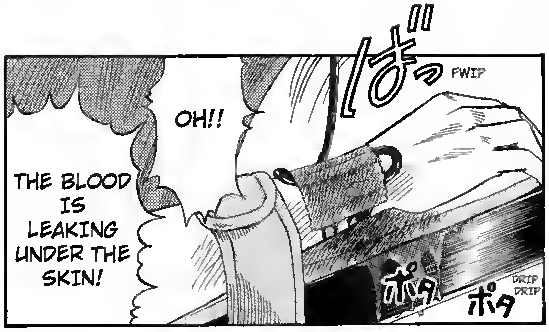
HANA! SHE LOST QUITE A LOT AGAIN!!
DON'T BOTHER COUNTING! WE JUST HAVE TO KEEP THE PUMPING GOING!
FWISSHH
SLURP
SQUEAK
BLOOD LOSS 21500 CC!
I KNOW, BUT MY HAND HAS ALMOST REACHED ITS LIMIT...
FWISSHH
VSSHH
THE RATE AT WHICH THE PATIENT IS LOSING BLOOD IS FASTER THAN WE'RE PUMPING IT IN...

BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THAT'S ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF SIX GALLONS OF MILK
AN AVERAGE ADULT HAS ABOUT 5000 CC OF BLOOD, SO THAT MEANS WE'VE BEEN EXCHANGING ALREADY FOUR TIMES THAT AMOUNT!
SLURP
BLOOD LOSS OF OVER 20,000 CC... THAT'S EASY TO SAY,


SENIOR HANA...
THIS LINE HAS BEEN ACTING STRANGE FOR A WHILE ALREADY...


EEK!
PUSHING WITH HER STOMACHE
WHAT A WASTE OF ALL THE BLOOD THAT WE'VE RECEIVED FROM DONATORS.
GUSH CONTINUOUSLY
SPLAT


WHAT? ITSUKI!?


FWIP
OH!!
THE BLOOD IS LEAKING UNDER THE SKIN!
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DRIP DRIP
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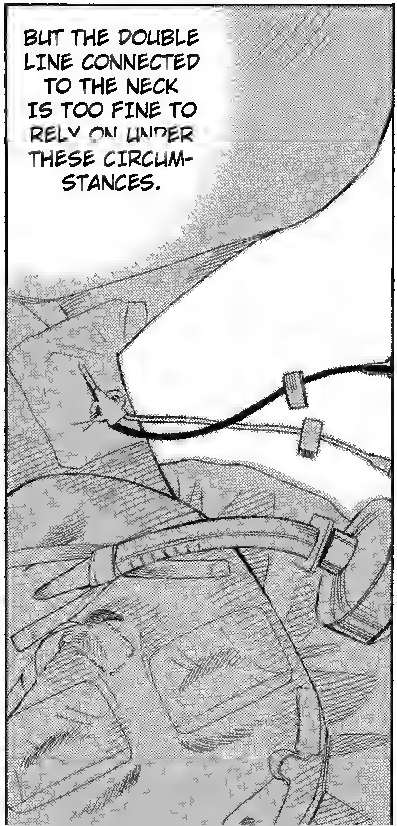
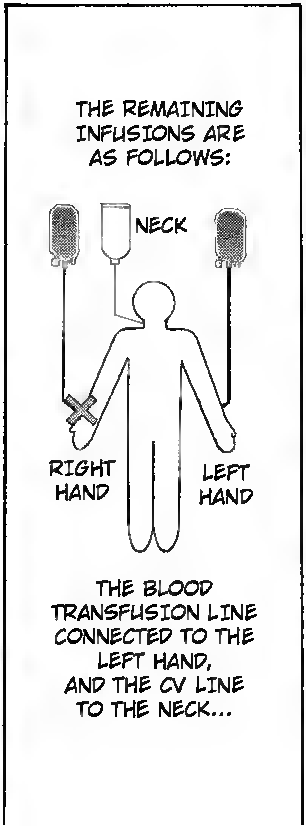
WE CAN'T USE THIS LINE ANY-MORE!
ITSU-KI...
DON'T MIND THAT LINE, GO WASH YOUR FACE!!
IT'S DEFINI-TELY LEAKING !!

WHEN PUSHING, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME RESISTANCE... IT DOESN'T GO IN!!
MAYBE ...

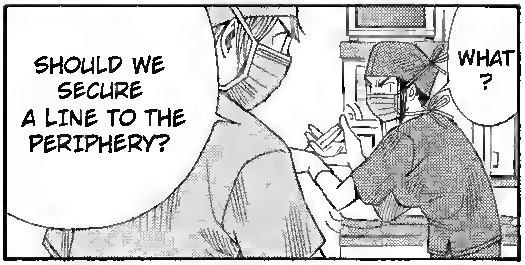

BUT THE DOUBLE LINE CONNECTED TO THE NECK IS TOO FINE TO RELY ON UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES.


THE REMAINING INFUSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
NECK
RIGHT HAND
LEFT HAND
THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION LINE CONNECTED TO THE LEFT HAND, AND THE CV LINE TO THE NECK...

ONE PERIPHERAL LINE LOST!!

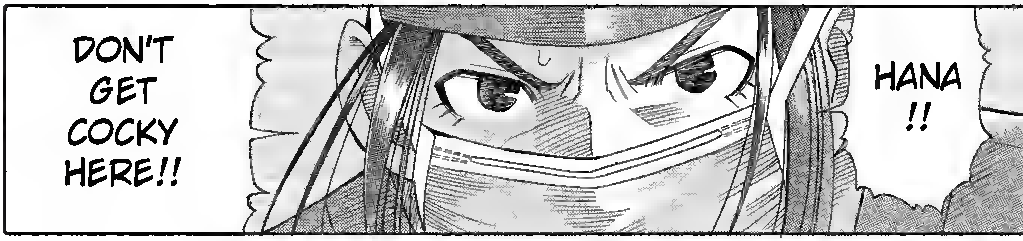
WE DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE OTHER THAN CONNECTING ANOTHER INFUSION LINE, DO WE?
WHY NOW OF ALL TIMES...
ASANOME !!

AND BY THE WAY, DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S THAT SIMPLE TO SECURE THAT LINE RIGHT NOW?
PLEASE TRUST ME! I'M REALLY AMAZINGLY GOOD AT THAT!


SHOULD WE SECURE A LINE TO THE PERIPHERY?
WHAT ?

ARE YOU RETARDED?
HUH?
CAN'T YOU SEE WE HAVE OUR HANDS FULL WITH THE PUMPING ALREADY?

I THINK IT'S BETTER IF WE JUST WORK TOGETHER ON TRYING TO GET AS MUCH BLOOD AS WE CAN THROUGH THE WORKING LINES!
BUT IN A SEVERE CASE OF BLOOD LOSS LIKE THIS, RATHER THAN TRYING TO SECURE A LINE, WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO EVEN MORE BLOOD LOSS,
AMAZINGLY GOOD EH...
YOU COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING, AND NOW YOU'RE EAGER TO DO ALL THESE KIND OF THINGS... I UNDERSTAND THAT,
WHAT !?
IN THAT CASE, DO YOU PLAN ON JUST WATCHING THE PATIENT DIE?
BUT IF SHE STARTS LOSING BLOOD AGAIN LIKE BEFORE, THESE TWO LINES WON'T BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN HER!


DON'T GET COCKY HERE!!
HANA !!

AND I SAY NO !!
THE MAIN ANESTHESIO-LOGIST IN THIS OPERATION IS ME!
SO DO WHAT I SAY, AND KEEP ON DOING YOUR WORK!

WE WON'T KNOW IF WE DON'T TRY!
HEY HANA!! DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT'S USELESS!?
THUD
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FWOOSH
WE HAVE TO CONNECT A FAT LINE HERE!
DASH
THERE'S THE DEFEN-SIVE TYPE,
MAYBE IT'S LIKE THAT WITH ANYTHING IN SOCIETY, BUT AMONG ANESTHESIO-LOGISTS, THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES.
AND ALSO THE OFFEN-SIVE TYPE,
AND IT'S NOT TOO UNCOMMON FOR THESE TWO TYPES TO CLASH.

BEEP BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP BEEP
BEEP
TILILILIL
TILILILIL
TILILIL
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OT...
AND IF THAT CLASH OCCURS, THINGS WILL DEFINITELY NOT GO WELL.
SQUEEZE
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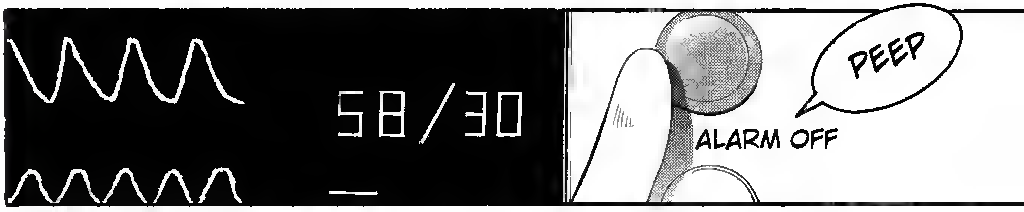
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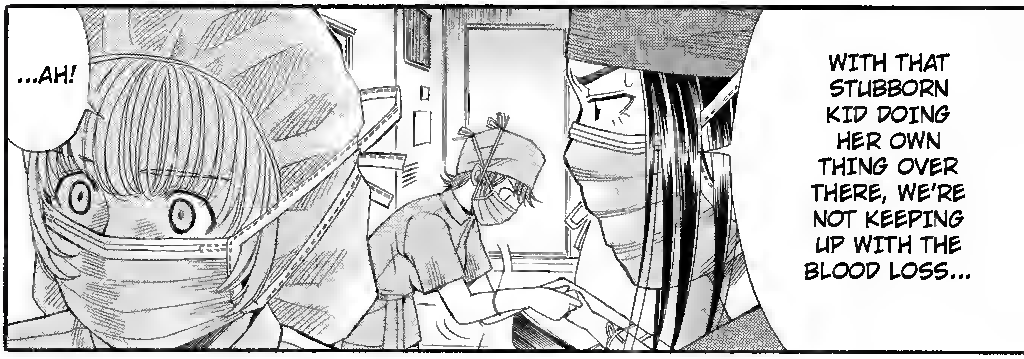
PEEP
ALARM OFF

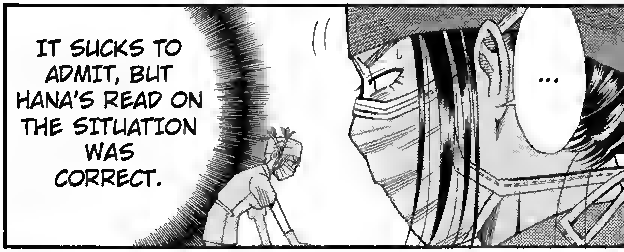
HELP ME OUT HERE WITH THE PUMPING!!
ITSU-
KI!?
BLOOD PRESSURE IS DECREASING AGAIN...


...AH!
WITH THAT STUBBORN KID DOING HER OWN THING OVER THERE, WE'RE NOT KEEPING UP WITH THE BLOOD LOSS...

HUH!?
THE BLOOD PRESSURE JUST KEEPS ON DROPPING...
BUT... ASA-NOME...
PEEL
HOW IS HER BLOOD PRESSURE !?
ANESTHESIO-LOGISTS! SHE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD AGAIN!
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
IT JUST DECREASED EVEN MORE...
BLOOD PRES-SURE ...
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
THIS IS BAD!! IT JUST KEEPS ON GOING LOWER AND LOWER!!
TSK

AN UNEXPECTED CASE OF BLOOD LOSS...
MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT, ITSUKI, YOU CONTINUE THE PUMPING!!
CLINK
CONFUSED
IN A CASE LIKE THIS, THAT'S A FUTILE THING TO DO...
SHOULD I GET VASOPRES-SORS READY?

I CAN'T SEEM TO PUT IT IN PLACE!!
EVEN IF I PIERCE IT IN, NOT EVEN A SINGLE DROP OF BLOOD COMES OUT!

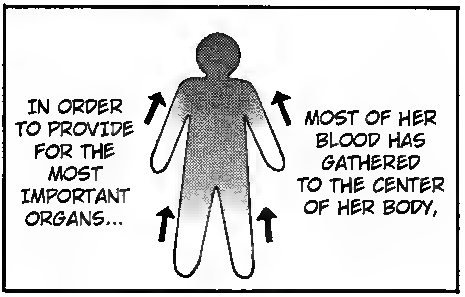

IT SUCKS TO ADMIT, BUT HANA'S READ ON THE SITUATION WAS CORRECT.
...

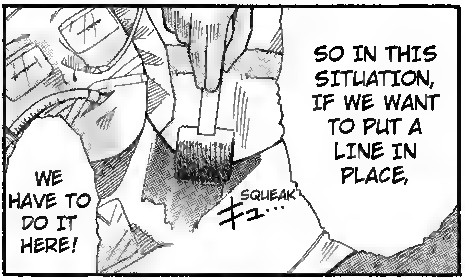
FWIP
BUT...

MY FEARS THAT IT WOULDN'T BE EASY, DIDN'T SEEM TO BE MISPLACED EITHER...
HMNN-NNG...
BUT I'M NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT...

ASA-NOME !!
THAT'S BECAUSE HER BLOOD VESSELS HAVE SHRINKED AS A RESULT OF THE MASSIVE BLOOD LOSS!!

ARE WE GOING TO INSERT SOMETHING OF THAT SIZE IN HER NECK ...!?
IF WE DON'T HURRY UP, THE CARDIAC VEINS WILL COLLAPSE AS WELL!!
I WILL BE ON SUPPORT, SO HURRY UP ALREADY !!
SNAP


IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT ORGANS...
MOST OF HER BLOOD HAS GATHERED TO THE CENTER OF HER BODY,


SO IN THIS SITUATION, IF WE WANT TO PUT A LINE IN PLACE,
WE HAVE TO DO IT HERE!
SQUEAK
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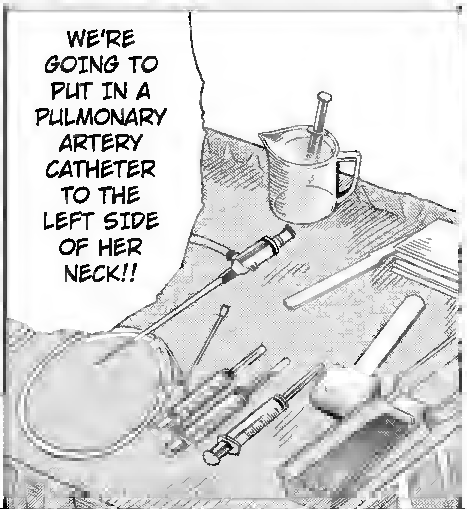
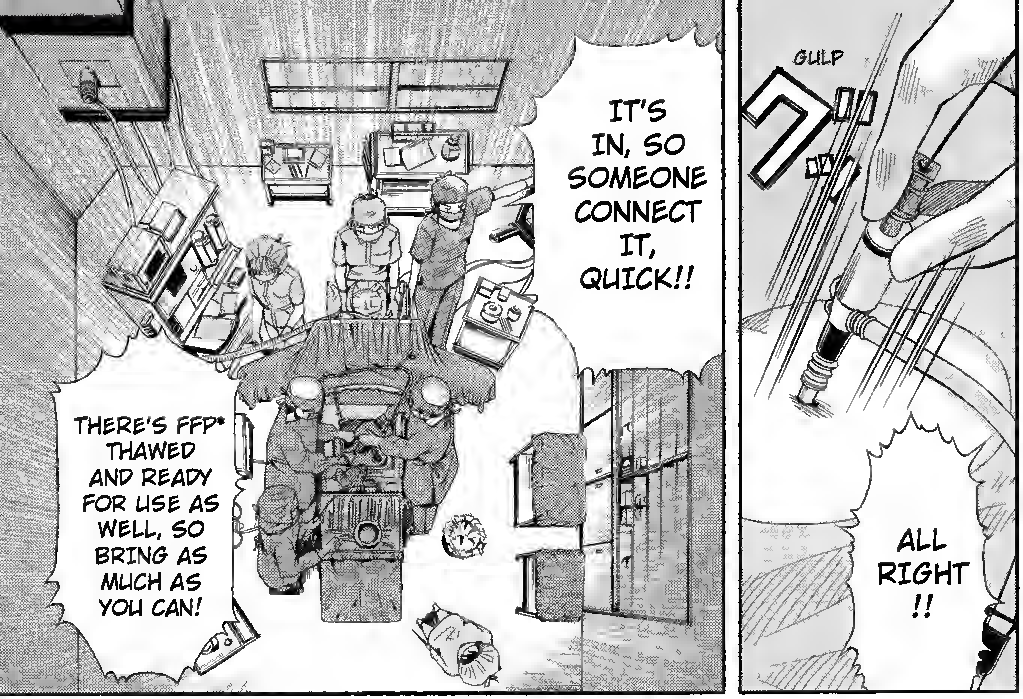
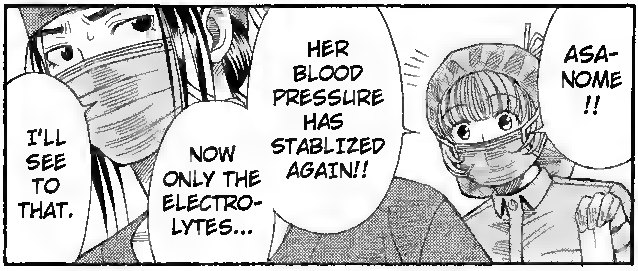
FOR THE SAKE OF THE PATIENT, THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE!!
GOT IT!!


WE'RE GOING TO PUT IN A PULMONARY ARTERY CATHETER TO THE LEFT SIDE OF HER NECK!!

WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO STAB THIS THING IN!!
STAB
THIS BETTER WORK, GOD DAMNIT!!



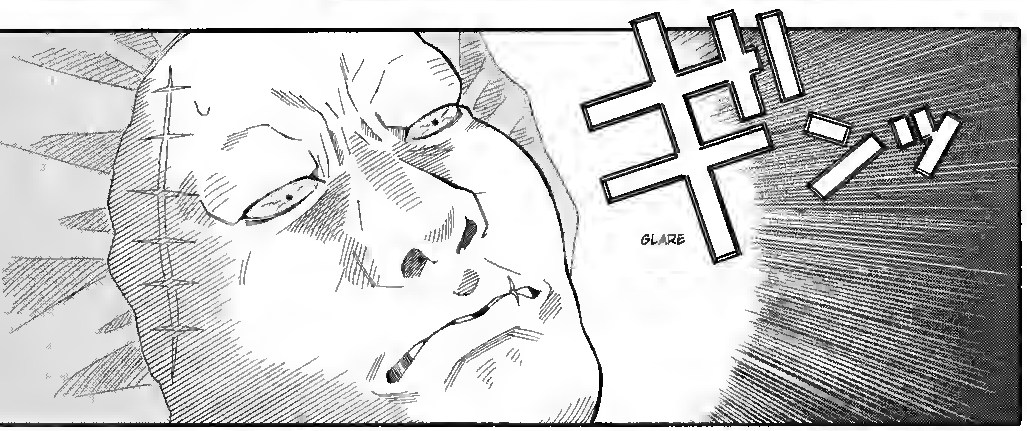
*FRESH FROZEN PLASMA

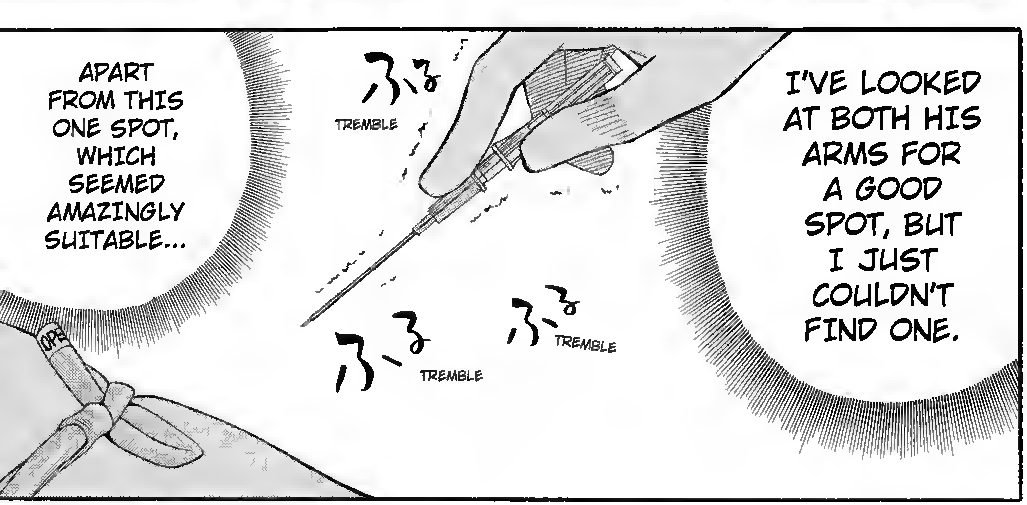


I GUESS... IN A SITUATION LIKE BEFORE, TEAMWORK AND HELPING EACH OTHER OUT ARE MOST IMPORTANT AFTER ALL...
EVEN SO, I WAS PUTTING ON SUCH A STUBBORN ACT... I'M REALLY SORRY...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT...
BUT HANA ...
STAGGER
よろ。
TODAY I THOUGHT THE OPERATION WAS ALREADY TOO LATE,
BUT WE NEVER KNOW UNTIL THE VERY END...
SWOOSH
シュッ
OH MAN...

I WILL NEVER GET THIS CLEAN...!!
SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH
HANA ...
DON'T EVEN BOTHER TRYING...
CRUNCH
ぼり
END OF CHAPTER 2
HUH?
YOU'D BETTER NOT CARRY USED TRANSFUSION PACKS LIKE THAT...
MY FAVO-RITE BRA!!
OH SHIT!!
バサッ
FLOMP

HERE IT GOES!!
HEART THUMP
HEART THUMP
HEART THUMP
GNAP
CHAPTER 3
PART-TIMING MEDIC


GLARE


APART FROM THIS ONE SPOT, WHICH SEEMED AMAZINGLY SUITABLE...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
I'VE LOOKED AT BOTH HIS ARMS FOR A GOOD SPOT, BUT I JUST COULDN'T FIND ONE.

CHAPTER 3
PART-TIMING MEDIC
UP CLOSE
TREMBLE
ROLOGY A+
R. NORIHEI ONIKUBO
TREMBLE
BUT IT'S JUST SO SCARY TO STAB A DEMON IN THE MOUTH LIKE THAT!!

I DON'T WANT TO BE KILLED BY THE YAKUZA...
MISTER ONIKUBO, I'LL HAVE TO APPLY IT TO THE BACK OF YOUR HAND. ♡
SLIDE
SMILE
IT WILL HURT ONLY A LITTLE BIT MORE HERE.
HERE IT GOES...
OW OW OWWW...
PRICK
PSSSSH
GEEZ...
THIS TOUGH GUY WITH TATTOS EVERYWHERE, BEING ALL SCARED FROM A LITTLE INFUSION NEEDLE...
FANT FANT FANT
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THAT MAKES ME SO NERVOUS...
MY NAME IS HANAKO HANAOKA. I'M A NOVICE ANESTHESIO-LOGIST, AND I WORK AT THE HOSPITAL CONNECTED TO JINBO UNIVERSITY.

TODAY ONCE AGAIN, NON STOP IN THE OPERATION ROOM, FROM MORNING TO EVENING!
DOCTOR HANA, THE NEXT PATIENT WILL BE IN TEN MINUTES!!
GOT IT!!
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RATTLE RATTLE
HCV
SO NO BREAKS FOR US ANESTHESIOLOGISTS AS WELL...
SNAP
IT'S KIND OF WEIRD ...
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SIGH
THEY SAY DISEASES DON'T TAKE BREAKS ON HOLIDAYS...
THIS ONE IS FOR A PLASTIC SURGERY EH...
BRINGING IN NUMBER FOUR!!
RATTLE RATTLE
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ガラ
MS. HANAOKA...
SPACED OUT
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WAVE WAVE
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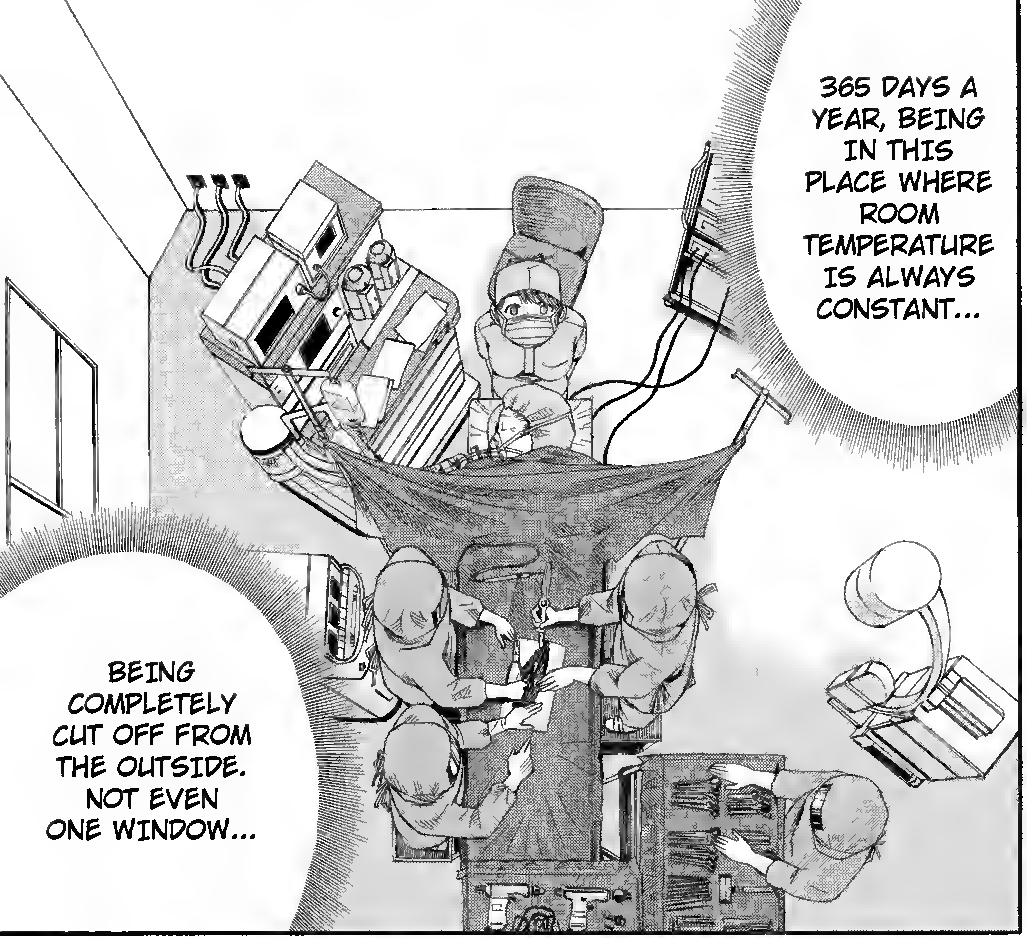
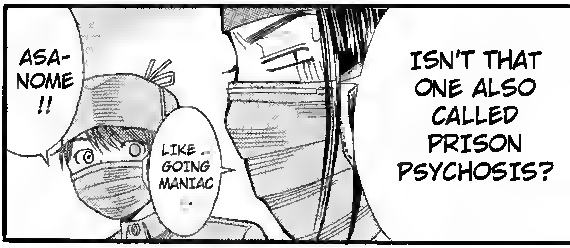
THIS IS A HOSPITAL ...
YOU KNOW ...
WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE COME HERE, EVERY SINGLE DAY, TO GET ALL THESE OPERATIONS...
RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN FINDING IT KIND OF STRANGE...


365 DAYS A YEAR, BEING IN THIS PLACE WHERE ROOM TEMPERATURE IS ALWAYS CONSTANT...
BEING COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE. NOT EVEN ONE WINDOW...

DURING DAY, DURING NIGHT, AS IF SEASONS DIDN'T EXIST...
JUST THIS SURGICAL LIGHT, LIKE A NEVER SETTING SUN, ALWAYS CONTINUING TO SHINE...

IF THAT CONTINUES EVERY DAY...
I MIGHT END UP WITH THE GANSER SYNDROME ...!!

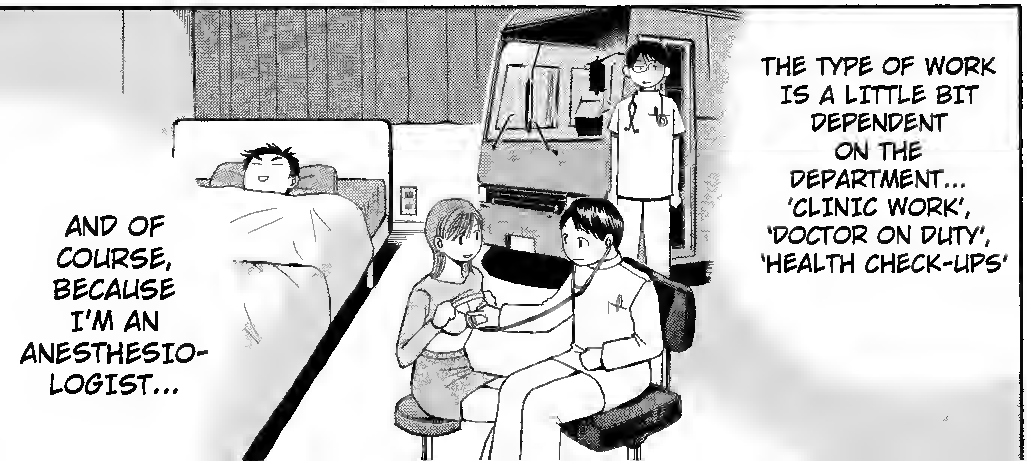
ON MY FIRST DAY...
ALL RIGHT THEN!
SO JUST LEAVE THIS TO ME!
THE HIGHER UPS WILL BE LOOKING OUT FOR YOU,

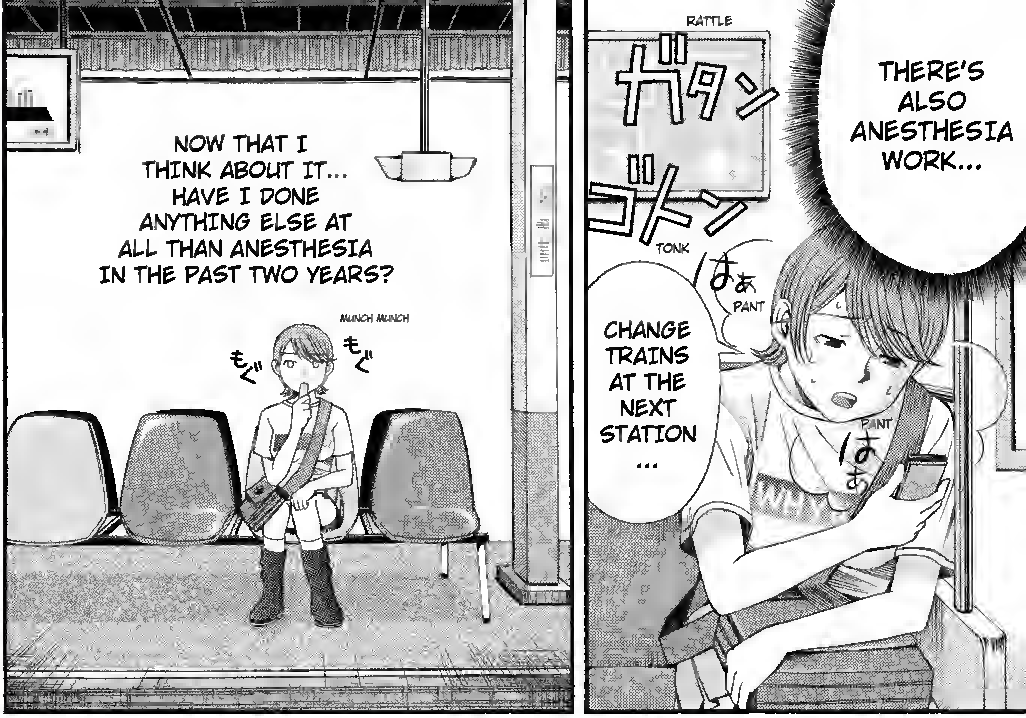

ISN'T THAT ONE ALSO CALLED PRISON PSYCHOSIS?
LIKE... GOING MANIAC.
ASA-NOME !!

THEY TOLD ME TO SUBSTITUTE FOR YOU...
HUH !?
I GOTTA GO ALR-EADY!
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A NEW PART-TIME JOB FROM TODAY...

COULDN'T THEY AT LEAST CUT ME A TINY BIT OF SLACK!!?
I'M GOING, I'M GOING!!
OH!
YOUR FIRST TIME?

AS DOCTORS WHO STARTED WORKING AT THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL GET MORE EXPERIENCE,
I'M GONNA BE LATE!
THEY ARE SENT OFF TO HELP OUT AS 'PART-TIME MEDICS' TO SMALL SCALE CLINICS AFFILIATED TO THE UNIVERSITY.


THE TYPE OF WORK IS A LITTLE BIT DEPENDENT ON THE DEPARTMENT... 'CLINIC WORK', 'DOCTOR ON DUTY', 'HEALTH CHECK-UPS'
AND OF COURSE, BECAUSE I'M AN ANESTHESIO-LOGIST...


NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... HAVE I DONE ANYTHING ELSE AT ALL THAN ANESTHESIA IN THE PAST TWO YEARS?
MUNCH MUNCH
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もぐ
RATTLE
ガタン
ゴトン
TONK
THERE'S ALSO ANESTHESIA WORK...
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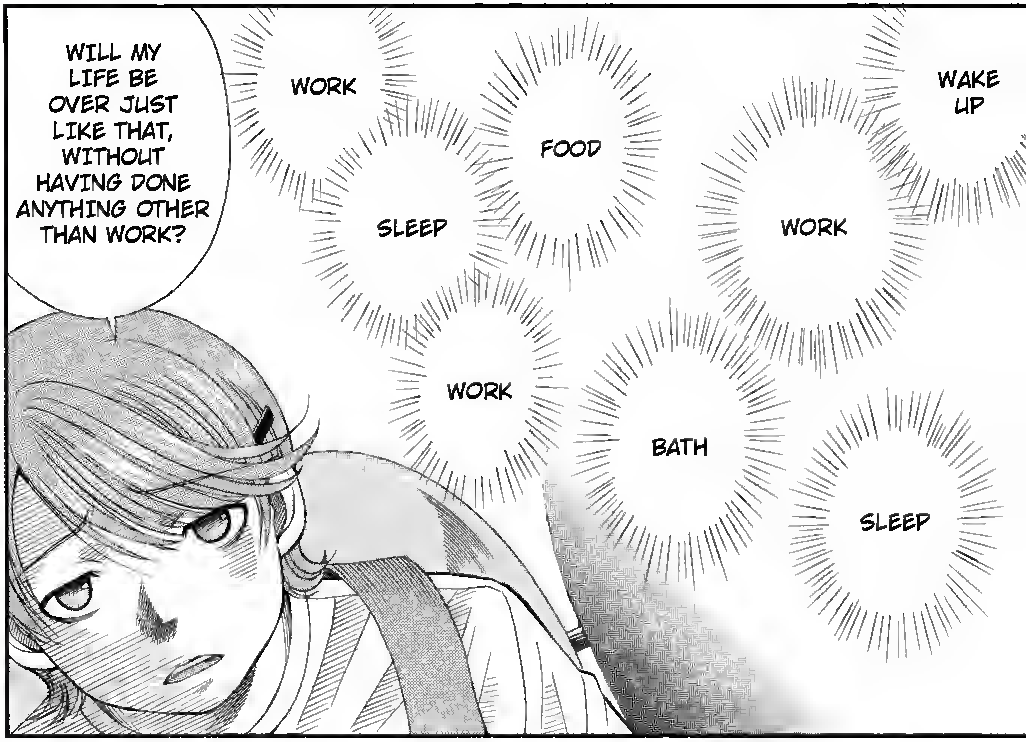
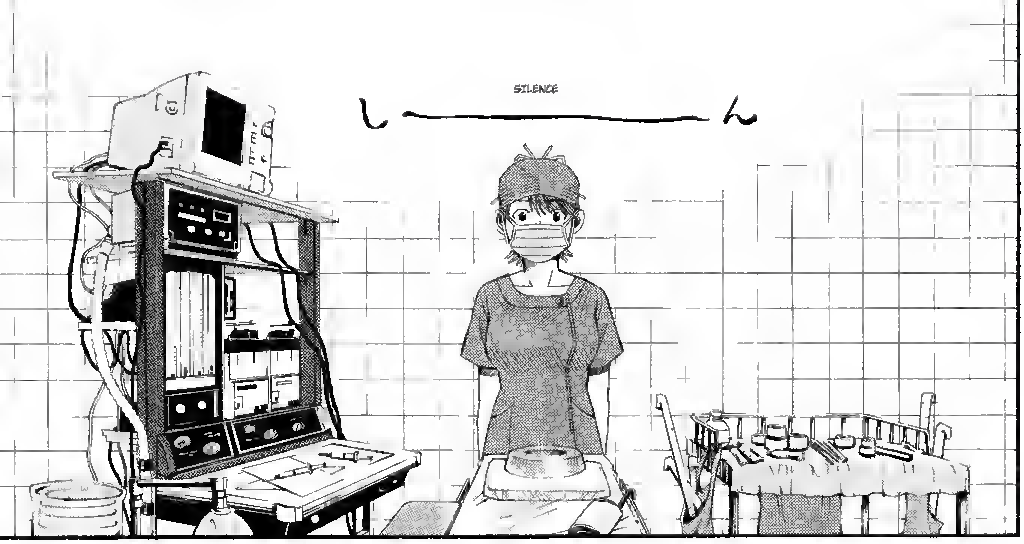
PANT
CHANGE TRAINS AT THE NEXT STATION ...
はあ
PANT
WHY?


WILL MY LIFE BE OVER JUST LIKE THAT, WITHOUT HAVING DONE ANYTHING OTHER THAN WORK?
WORK
FOOD
SLEEP
WORK
WAKE UP
WORK
BATH
SLEEP

THIS IS BAD!! I'M REALLY GOING TO BE LATE!!
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME... AFTER ALL!!
PIIIIII
プシュー
1 SSHPH
DANG!!
OH!
3F
2F
1F
LET'S HOPE HE'S NICE AND GOOD-LOOKING...
ドキドキ
HEART THUMP
HEART THUMP
EXCUSE ME? IS THE ANESTHESIA DOCTOR IN HERE?
I HAVE TO MEET THE LEADING ANESTHESIA DOCTOR...
はあ
PANT
FIRST I HAVE TO GO TO THE OPERATION ROOM...
はあ
PANT
THEN...

SURPRISE
びくっ
I'M SORRY!!
WHA... SO DIFFERENT THAN I HOPED...
YOU STUPID GIRL!!
COULDN'T YOU COME A LITTLE BIT EARLIER !!?
*DEPRESSED
DOCTOR KATSU-RA-GAWA.
NICE TO MEET YOU,
I AM KATSURAGAWA, THE LEADING ANESTHESIO-LOGIST OF THIS PLACE, TSUYA CLINIC.
SO YOU'RE HANAOKA FROM THE EAST MEDICAL CENTER, WASN'T IT...?
FOOSH
FROM MY FIRST DAY... HAVING TO WORK WITH SUCH A SCARY DOCTOR...
I'M SO SCARED !!
YES ...
GOT THAT !?
I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU COME FROM JINBO!
HMPH
GEEZ...WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION IS EAST GIVING TO THE YOUNG DOCTORS.


SILENCE
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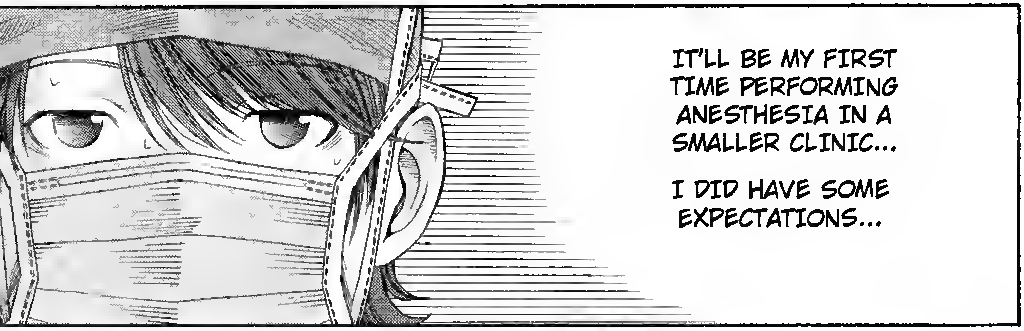
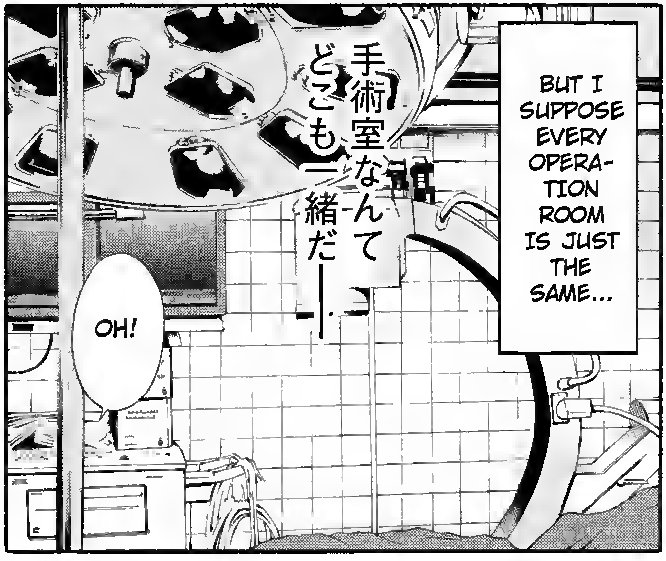

IT'LL BE MY FIRST TIME PERFORMING ANESTHESIA IN A SMALLER CLINIC...
I DID HAVE SOME EXPECTATIONS...

YOU MUST BE THE NEW ONE KATSURA-GAWA WAS YELLING AT EARLIER!


OH!
手術室なんてどこも一緒だー
BUT I SUPPOSE EVERY OPERA-TION ROOM IS JUST THE SAME...

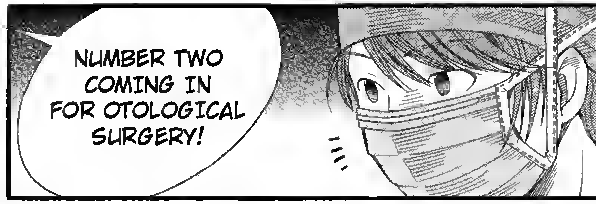
HUH !?
AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MY HOSPITAL!?
SNEAK
DON'T TELL ANYONE I TOLD YOU THIS, BUT...
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT...
DON'T WORRY! DOCTOR KATSURAGAWA WASN'T REALLY ANGRY!!
SPEAKING FLUENTLY
I AM THE NURSE IN CHARGE OF PREPARING THIS ROOM TODAY SO PLEASE ASK ME ANYTHING!!
HUH !?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING !?
DOCTOR KATSURAGAWA IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EAST MEDICAL CENTER!!
DIDN'T YOU KNOW!?
SO... DO YOU MEAN THE GUY IS ALWAYS LIKE THAT?

JINBO UNIVERSITY EAST MEDICAL CENTER
BUT THEY SAY HE GOT CHASED OUT AFTER A YOUNGER PROFESSOR FROM THE JINBO MAIN HOSPITAL CAME TO EAST...
IN FACT, IT GOT DECIDED THAT HE WAS GOING TO BE A PROFESSOR AT THE EAST MEDICAL CENTER...

SINGLE CHIEF PHYSICIAN!?
OH, I SEE!
WHISPER WHISPER
ひそ ひそ…
IN OTHER WORDS, HE GOT DEMOTED!!
AND AFTER THAT, TO BE PUT IN A SMALL CLINIC LIKE THIS, AS THE SINGLE CHIEF PHYSICIAN...
カチッ
CLICK
THE UNIVERSITY CAN SURE BE CRUEL SOMETIMES...
IT'S NOT UNUSUAL THAT THE UNIVERSITY TRANSFERS ANESTHESIO-LOGISTS FROM THE HOSPITAL TO SMALLER SCALE CLINICS,
BUT IF ONE IS TRANSFERED LIKE THAT TO A PLACE WHERE THERE ISN'T A SINGLE OTHER DOCTOR TO ASSIST HIM, HE GETS CALLED THE SINGLE CHIEF PHYSICIAN.

I WONDER IF THAT IS WHY DOCTOR KATSURAGAWA WAS ACTING HARSHLY TOWARDS ME...
FOR A PERSON WORKING SO LOYALLY TO THE HOSPITAL FOR DECADES, TO BE THROWN OUT LIKE GARBAGE JUST LIKE THAT...
CLENCH
ギュ..

ARE YOU ABLE TO TELL ME YOUR NAME?
ARE YOU ABLE TO OPEN YOUR MOUTH?
...THAT'S JUST FINE.
...HUH?
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THESE OPERATING ROOMS!


NUMBER TWO COMING IN FOR OTOLOGICAL SURGERY!

SO THE OPERATION IN THE OTHER ROOM WILL GO FIRST...
IT'S DOCTOR KATSURA-GAWA'S PATIENT...

IT HAS STARTED ...!!
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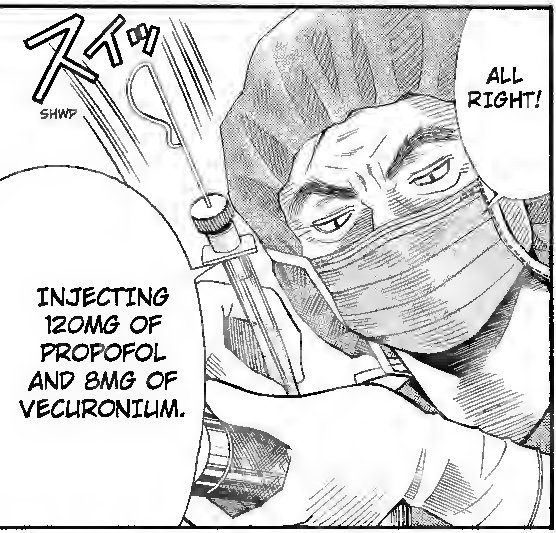

スイッ
SHWP
ALL RIGHT!
INJECTING 120MG OF PROPOFOL AND 8MG OF VECURONIUM.

USING A TUBE OF 7.5.
PLEASE NOTE EVERYTHING IN THE REGISTER.

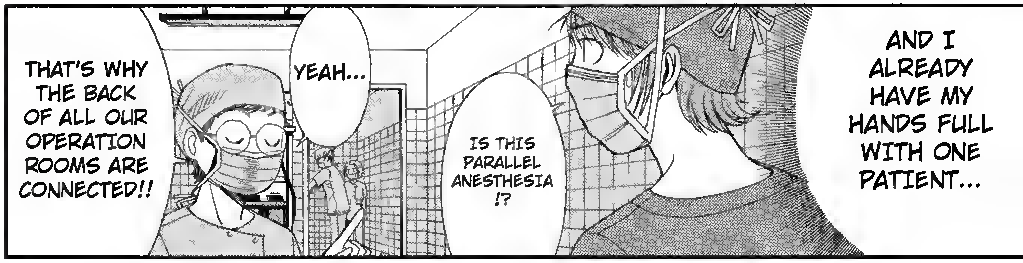
USUALLY, YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NEXT OPERATION ROOM,
BUT HERE, THE BACKS OF THE ROOMS ARE CONNECTED! YOU CAN SEE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING!
WHAT A PLACE FOR A DOOR ...!!
WE WILL START ANESTHESIA SOON,
SO TRY TO BREATH SLOWLY WITH DEEP BREATHS...

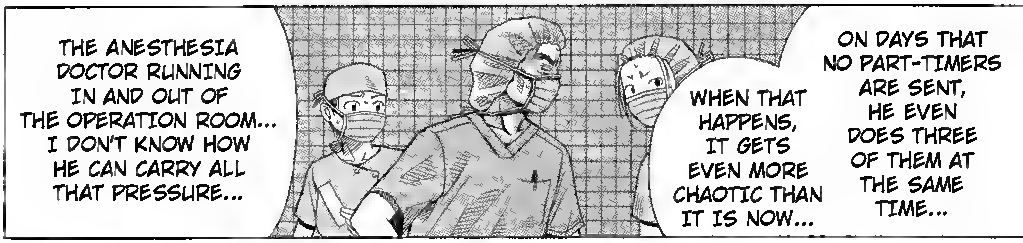
PATIENT FOR SURGERY COMING IN!!
LET'S MOVE THIS ONE...
SLOWLY ...
ガラ
RATTLE RATTLE

HUH ?
NEXT PATIENT?

YES.
CAN YOU BRING IN THE NEXT PATIENT?

EVEN SO, HIS TECHNIQUE ISN'T GETTING HASTY. IT'S QUICK AND ACCURATE.
QUICK
BEEEEP
HE DOESN'T LET A SINGLE MOVEMENT GO TO WASTE!!
WOW ...
JUST ONE DOCTOR DOING ANESTHESIA FOR TWO PATIENTS AT ONCE!!
DOCTOR!! THERE'S A SLIGHT DECREASE IN BLOOD PRESSURE!!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
OKAY...
WE'RE INJEC-TING HERE TOO!!


THAT'S WHY THE BACK OF ALL OUR OPERATION ROOMS ARE CONNECTED!!
YEAH...
IS THIS PARALLEL ANESTHESIA !?
AND I ALREADY HAVE MY HANDS FULL WITH ONE PATIENT...

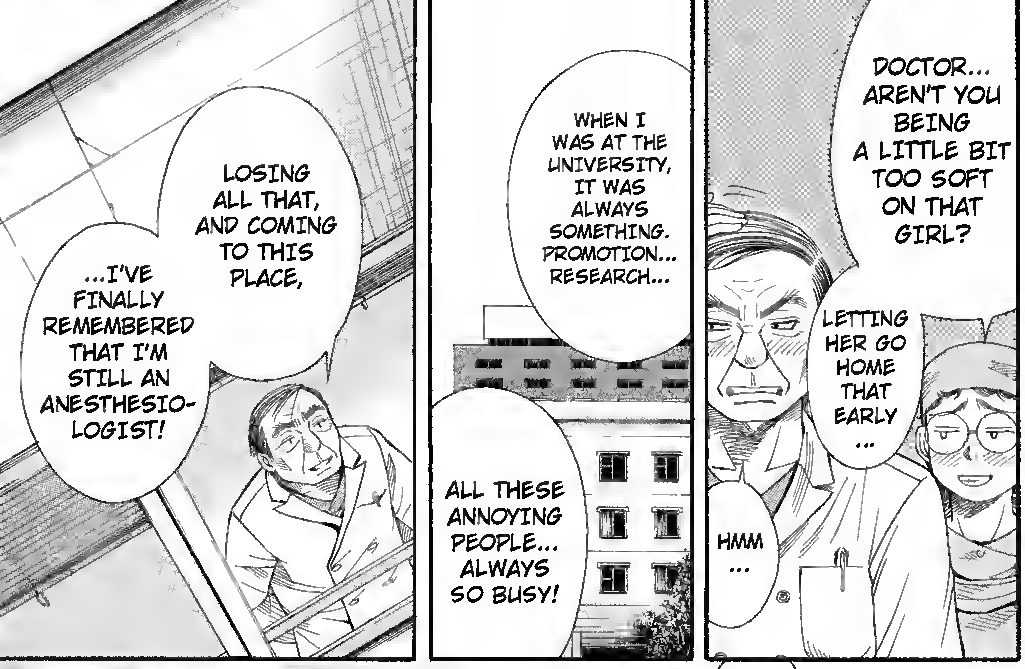

THE ANESTHESIA DOCTOR RUNNING IN AND OUT OF THE OPERATION ROOM... I DON'T KNOW HOW HE CAN CARRY ALL THAT PRESSURE...
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, IT GETS EVEN MORE CHAOTIC THAN IT IS NOW...
ON DAYS THAT NO PART-TIMERS ARE SENT, HE EVEN DOES THREE OF THEM AT THE SAME TIME...

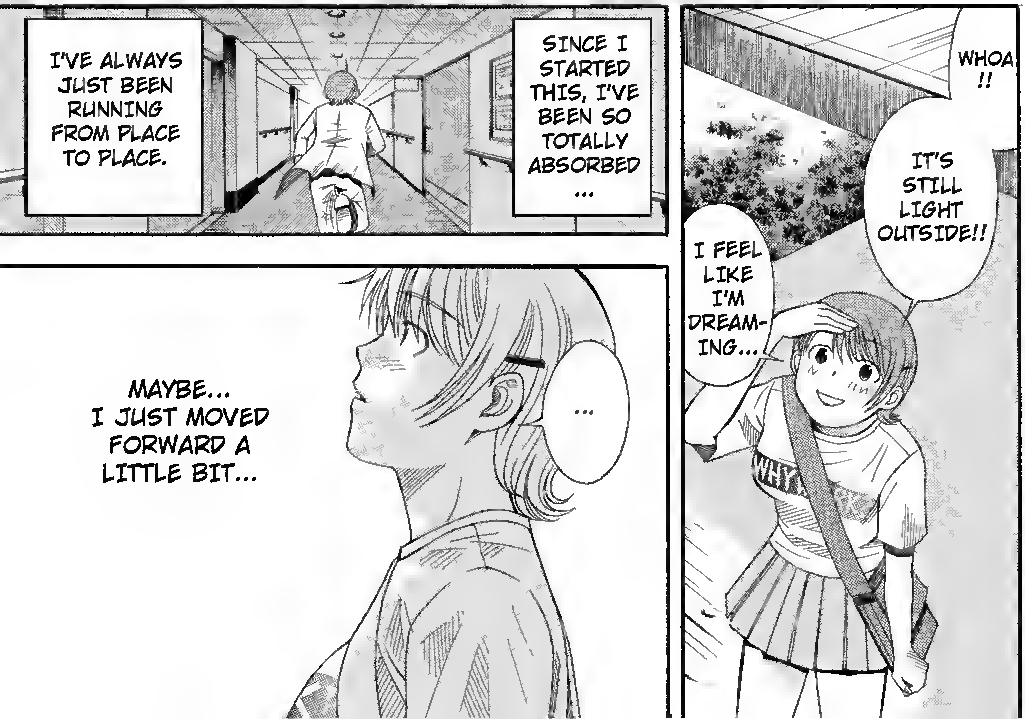
THIS DOCTOR...
HE'S THE REAL THING...
DOCTOR KATSURA-GAWA...
...
BUT HE DOES IT ALWAYS WITHOUT A SINGLE COMPLAINT!

EVEN AFTER GETTING CUT OFF ON THE WAY TO BECOMING A PROFESSOR, AND BEING DUMPED IN THIS UNDER-STAFFED CLINIC.
EVEN AFTER ALL THAT, HE DOESN'T GIVE UP AS AN ANESTHE-SIOLOGIST!

COMPARED TO ME, GETTING SO DESPARATE AFTER MERELY TWO YEARS...
HOW PATHETIC!
LARYN-GO-SCOPE!!

DOCTOR ...
ARE YOU FINISH-ED?
HUH !?
YOU PROBABLY CAN'T STAND A BORING PLACE LIKE THIS! YOU CAN GO HOME!
FLIP
HM?
I'VE NEVER GONE HOME AT A TIME LIKE THIS... ISN'T THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO...?
BUT DOCTOR... IT'S ONLY HALF PAST FOUR!!
RE-CHUCK
WELL THEN...
HOW ABOUT YOU GO SPEND SOME TIME STARING AT THE SKY...


DOCTOR... AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE BIT TOO SOFT ON THAT GIRL?
LETTING HER GO HOME THAT EARLY ...
HMM ...
WHEN I WAS AT THE UNIVERSITY, IT WAS ALWAYS SOMETHING. PROMOTION... RESEARCH...
ALL THESE ANNOYING PEOPLE... ALWAYS SO BUSY!
LOSING ALL THAT, AND COMING TO THIS PLACE,
...I'VE FINALLY REMEMBERED THAT I'M STILL AN ANESTHESIO-LOGIST!


IT'S QUITE IRONIC ...
I'VE ALWAYS JUST BEEN RUNNING FROM PLACE TO PLACE.
SINCE I STARTED THIS, I'VE BEEN SO TOTALLY ABSORBED ...
WHOA !!
IT'S STILL LIGHT OUTSIDE!!
I FEEL LIKE I'M DREAM-ING...
...
MAYBE... I JUST MOVED FORWARD A LITTLE BIT...

END OF CHAPTER 3

CHAPTER 4
THE 9 TO 5 DEPARTMENT

TIME TO EAT!
♡
WHAA!
THAT HIT THE SPOT!
HOT...
BLOW
BLOW
SLURP SLURP
SLURP
ごきゅ..
MMMM!

THE OPERATION ROOM IS THE MAIN WORKING GROUND FOR ANESTHESIOLOGISTS LIKE ME.
WE USUALLY HAVE TO GO TO THE DOCTORS' COMMON ROOM, FOR MEALS.
BECAUSE THE ROOM IS ALWAYS KEPT AT A LOW ROOM TEMPERATURE, EATING SOMETHING HOT FEELS REALLY NICE TO THE BODY...
SLURP SLURP SLURP
SOMETIMES I WISH I COULD EAT SOME REALLY GOOD FOOD!
GEEZ ...
もぐもぐ
MUNCH MUNCH
BUT REALLY ...
MUNCH
もぐ...
ぺろ...
LICK
SIGH
EATING CUP NOODLES LIKE THAT EVERY DAY...
EVEN IF YOU TRY EVERY TASTE AND KIND, YOU SURE GET TIRED OF IT AFTER A WHILE...

OH DEAR, AM I SEEING THIS RIGHT?
IS THAT REALLY A DOCTOR, EATING SUCH UNHEALTHY FOOD?
IF MY EYES AREN'T MISTAKEN,
ほっほっほっ
HO HO HO
IT'S A DOCTOR NEGLECTING HER OWN HEALTH!

OH DANG! IT'S PROFESSOR KITAMIKADO FROM OPHTHALMOLOGY, AND HIS GANG...
...OKAY ...
YEAH.
HE'S RIGHT!
MAKE SURE YOUR PATIENTS NEVER SEE YOU LIKE THIS, DOCTOR HANAOKA.
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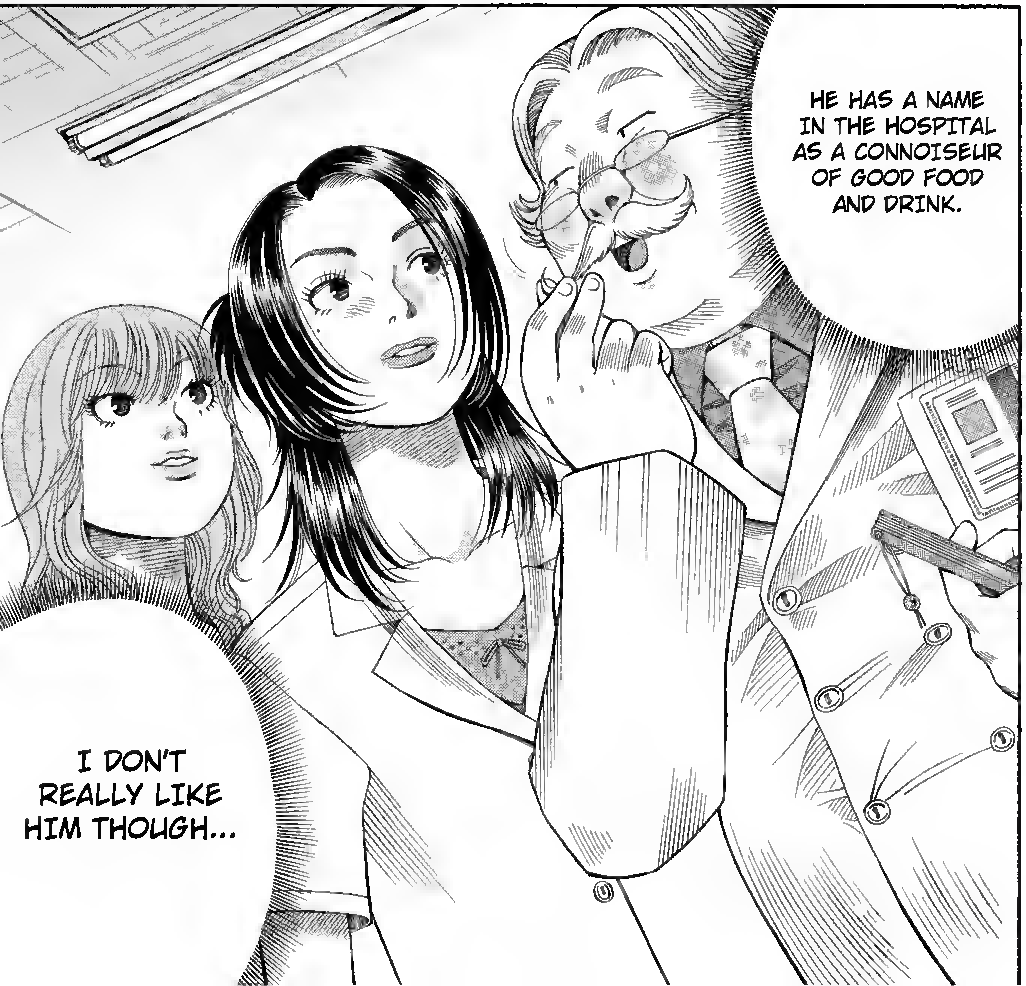
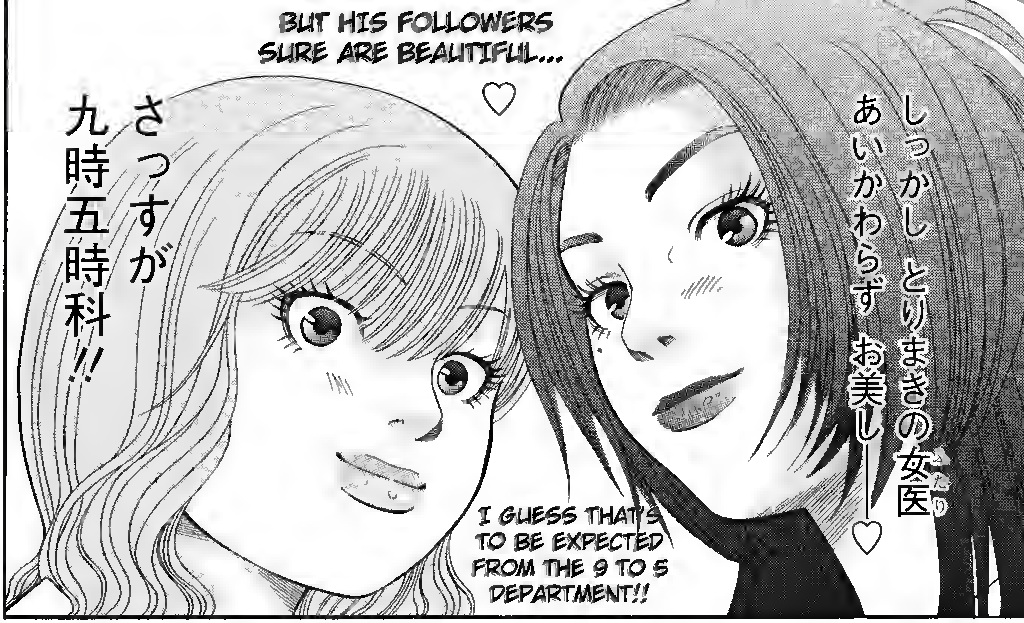
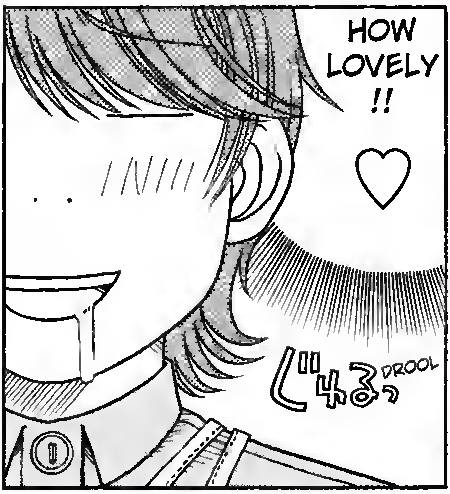
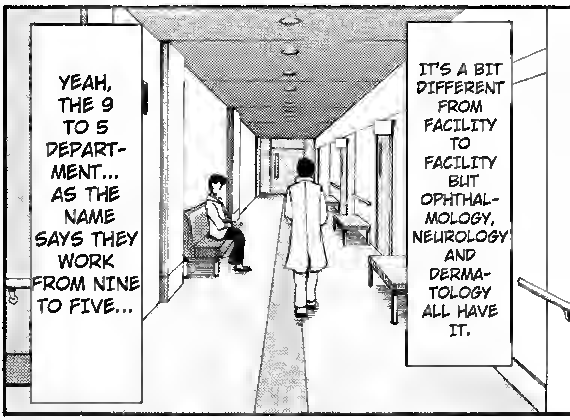
FLAP FLAP


HE HAS A NAME IN THE HOSPITAL AS A CONNOISEUR OF GOOD FOOD AND DRINK.
I DON'T REALLY LIKE HIM THOUGH...


BUT HIS FOLLOWERS SURE ARE BEAUTIFUL...
しっかしとりまきの女医(たち)あいかわらずお美しー♡
さっすが九時五時科!!
I GUESS THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED FROM THE 9 TO 5 DEPARTMENT!!


HOW LOVELY !!
じゅるっ DROOL


YEAH, THE 9 TO 5 DEPART-MENT... AS THE NAME SAYS THEY WORK FROM NINE TO FIVE...
IT'S A BIT DIFFERENT FROM FACILITY TO FACILITY BUT OPHTHAL-MOLOGY, NEUROLOGY AND DERMA-TOLOGY ALL HAVE IT.

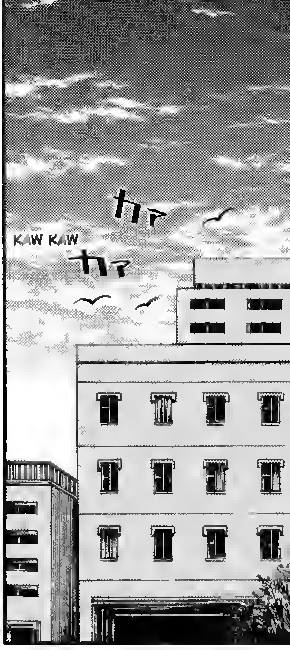
PERFECT MAKE-UP...

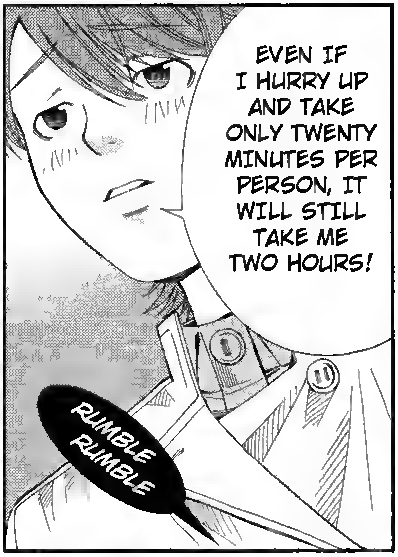
LET'S GO OUT TO EAT LUNCH TODAY...
SURE.
WHAT !?

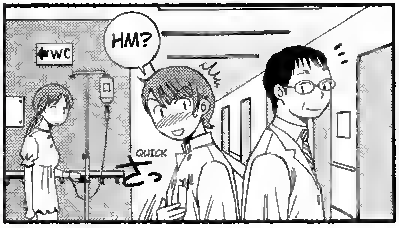
キラ
SPARKLE
SHE EVEN LOOKS LIKE SHE'S BEEN VISITING A BEAUTY SALON...

IF YOU COMPARE THAT TO ME... OH GOSH...
ボロ
TATTERED
GOING OUT FOR LUNCH!? THAT'S UNHEARD OF!!?
HOW ABOUT THE TRATTORIA WHERE WE WENT THE OTHER DAY?
YES,
SOUNDS GOOD!
FLAP FLAP
ぱたぱた
OH, CAN I PLEASE ORDER THE PIZZA CALZONE THEN?
♡

APART FROM PERFORMING ANESTHESIA, ANESTHESIOLOGISTS HAVE A FEW OTHER JOBS.
SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW.
THANK YOU.
ONE OF THEM IS DOING THE ROUNDS.


KAW KAW


EVEN IF I HURRY UP AND TAKE ONLY TWENTY MINUTES PER PERSON, IT WILL STILL TAKE ME TWO HOURS!
RUMBLE RUMBLE


HM?
WC
QUICK

THE HOSPITAL STAFF GIVES ME THE SCHEDULE OF THE PATIENTS WHO HAVE AN OPERATION THE NEXT DAY, AND THEN I MEET THEM IN THEIR ROOM.
USUALLY, I ONLY HAVE TO DO THE ONES I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR...
TODAY I HAVE TO PICK UP SLACK FOR THE DOCTORS WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT OR WORK PART TIME.
SIX IN TOTAL...
どっさり
FWUMP

WOOSH
シャッ
MR. KUMAMOTO? I'M THE ANESTHESIA DOCTOR, HERE FOR A QUICK CHECK-UP. IS NOW FINE?
YEAH, COME ON IN.
EXCUSE ME.
KNOCK KNOCK
コンコン
OH DANG, I'M KIND OF HUNGRY...
OH, DOCTOR...
BYONG
にゅーっ
I'M SORRY, WE WERE JUST HAVING A SNACK.
COME ON DEAR!
WHOA... RICE CAKE FILLED WITH BEAN PASTE...!
GULP
WOULD YOU LIKE ONE, DOCTOR?
MY NAME IS HANAOKA, AND I'M AN ANESTHESIO-LOGIST...
I WILL BE PERFORMING THE ANESTHESIA ON YOUR HUSBAND TOMORR...
EH !!

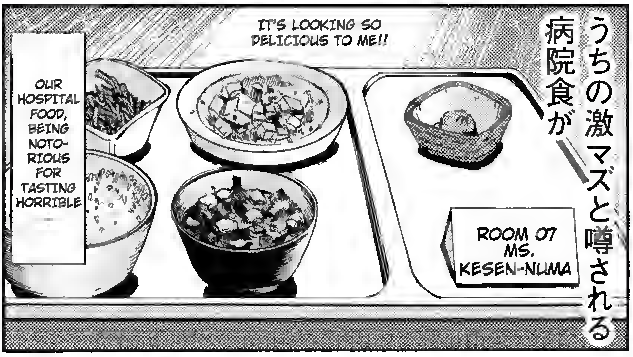
OH MY GOD... I FEEL SO HUNGRY...
RUMBLE RUMBLE
GROWL
WHEN I'VE FINISHED MY ROUNDS, I HAVE TO GO BUY SOMETHING IN THE HOSPITAL STORE...
AH WELL... SINCE SHE'S OFFERING TO ME SO NICELY...
DRIP
I SEE, TOO BAD...
NO THANK YOU! WE CANNOT ACCEPT THINGS LIKE THESE FROM PATIENTS...
OH, NO!! I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS!
BAM
STROKE

WHAT SHOULD I BUY? ♡
OR CHOCO-LATE AND CHIPS.
A LUNCH-BOX,
TA TA TA
THUM
IN THESE CLOTHES I CAN'T LEAVE THE HOSPITAL, SO I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON THE HOSPITAL STORE...

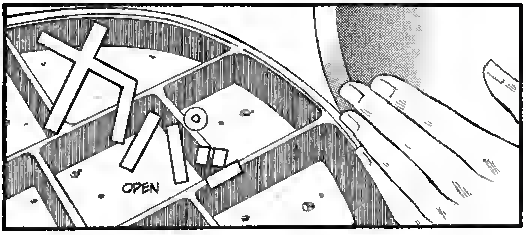
SILENCE
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
...
WELL THEN...
TURN
SIGN: CLOSED

I COULD DIE ANY SECOND NOW...
じゅるっ
DROOL
MY LAST RESORT, THE COMMON ROOM...

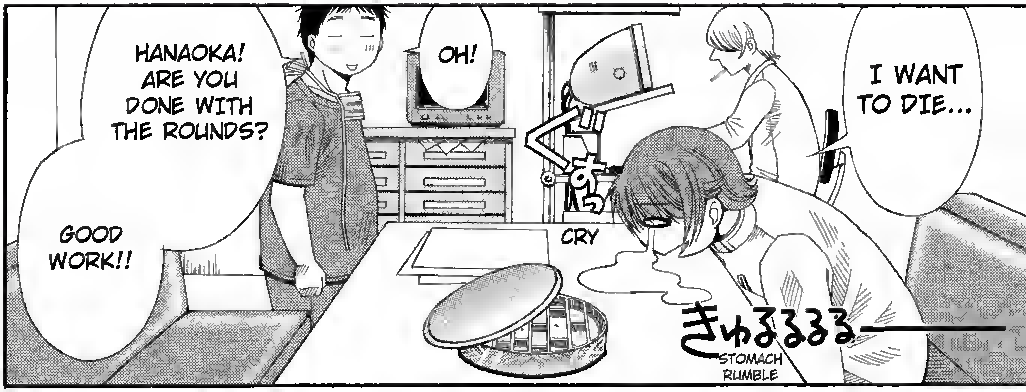
とぼ"
PLOD PLOD
とぼ"..
THERE ARE ALWAYS STILL SO MANY PEOPLE AROUND AFTER FIVE, SO WHY WOULD IT BE CLOSED AFTER THAT TIME...?
GEEZ...
STOMACH RUMBLING

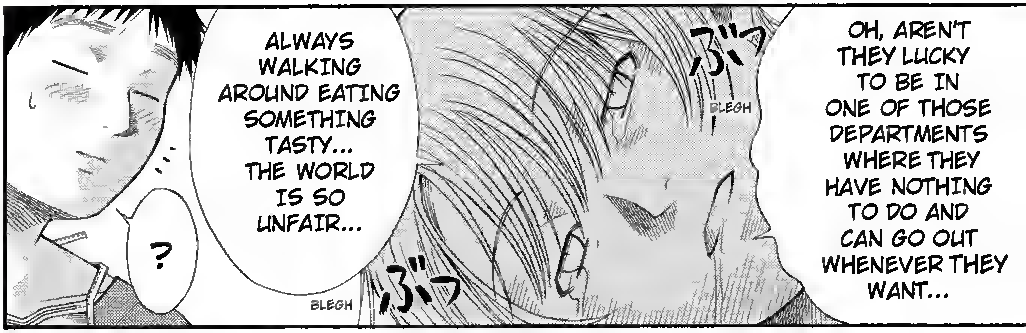

うちの激マズと噂される病院食が
IT'S LOOKING SO DELICIOUS TO ME!!
OUR HOSPITAL FOOD, BEING NOTORIOUS FOR TASTING HORRIBLE
ROOM 07 MS. KESEN-NUMA

T-THERE'S NOT A SINGLE ONE LEFT!!
THOSE HYENA'S!! I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THEM FOR THIS!!
I'M SO HUNGRY!


OPEN

HUH? UMM... DOCTOR KOBAYA-KAWA?
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THOSE AWFUL LOOKING COOKIES WENT, THAT USED TO BE IN THIS BOX?
FANT FANT
OH, YEAH...
THE INTERNS FROM THE SURGEON DEPARTMENT WHERE EATING THOSE LAST NIGHT...
カラ"ン
EMPTY


HANAOKA! ARE YOU DONE WITH THE ROUNDS?
GOOD WORK!!
OH!
CRY
I WANT TO DIE...
きゅるるるる
STOMACH RUMBLE


ALWAYS WALKING AROUND EATING SOMETHING TASTY... THE WORLD IS SO UNFAIR...
BLEGH
ぶつ
?
ぶつ
BLEGH
OH, AREN'T THEY LUCKY TO BE IN ONE OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS WHERE THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO AND CAN GO OUT WHENEVER THEY WANT...

SOMETHING TASTY?
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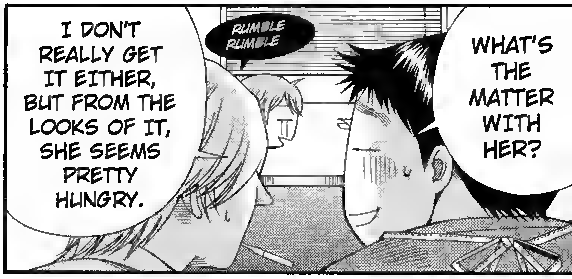
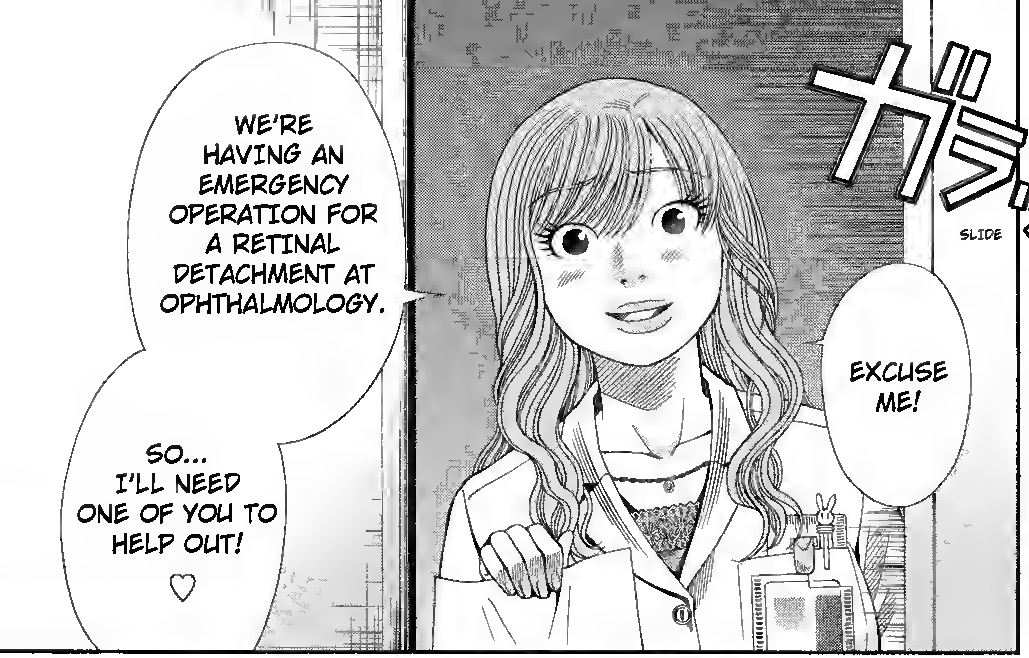

I DON'T REALLY GET IT EITHER, BUT FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, SHE SEEMS PRETTY HUNGRY.
RUMBLE RUMBLE
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER?

UP
...
I AGREE!!
HMM... HOW ABOUT WE GET HER SOMETHING TASTY THEN?


WE'RE HAVING AN EMERGENCY OPERATION FOR A RETINAL DETACHMENT AT OPHTHALMOLOGY.
SO... I'LL NEED ONE OF YOU TO HELP OUT!
♡
EXCUSE ME!
ガラッ
SLIDE

!!
EEL
PORKEY PORK

AND HANAOKA HAS BEEN WORKING NEARLY CONTINUOUSLY SINCE YESTERDAY...
BUT TODAY THE PROFESSOR ISN'T HERE, SO YOU CAN'T BE MISSED EITHER, RIGHT DOCTOR UZUKI?
I GUESS I'LL...
WHAT DO WE DO?
OH MAN... THIS ONE WILL TAKE AT LEAST FOUR HOURS...
THE PEOPLE ON DUTY ARE ALL WORKING,... KOBAYAKAWA, YOU'RE BUSY WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING, RIGHT?
!
I WILL GO!!
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO!!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SAY THAT...

IN FACT, I INSIST ON IT!
IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY FOR OPHTALMOLOGY, I DON'T MIND GOING.
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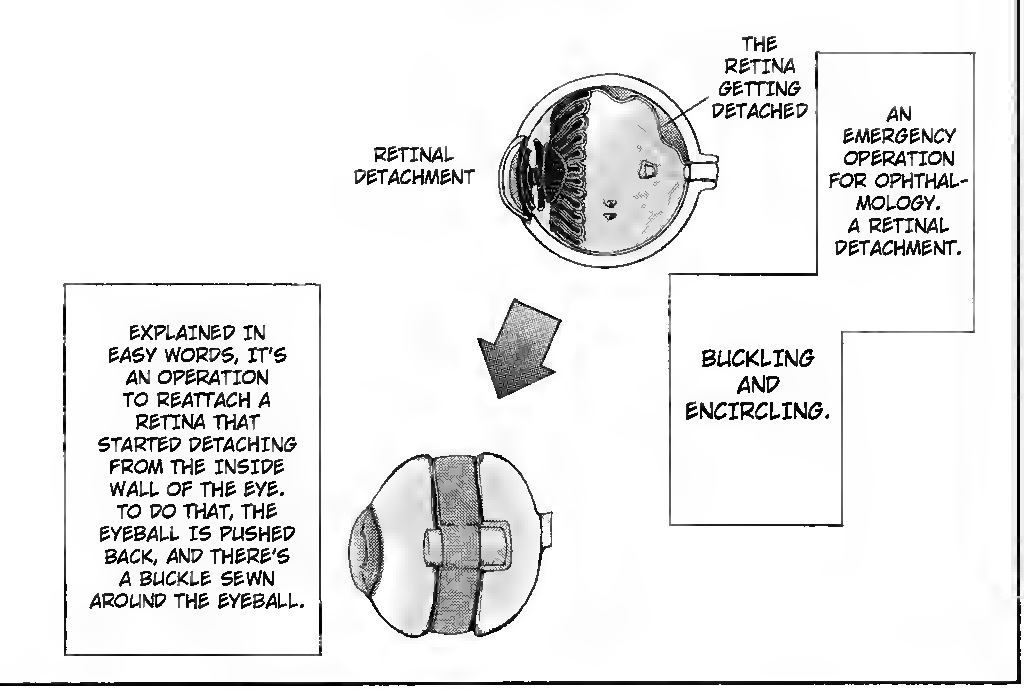
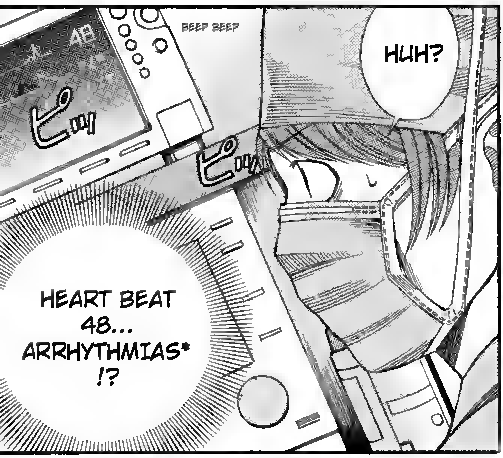
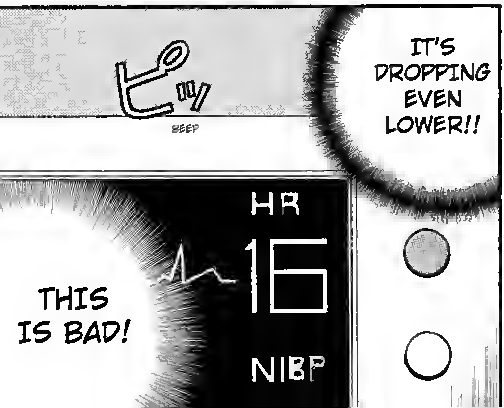
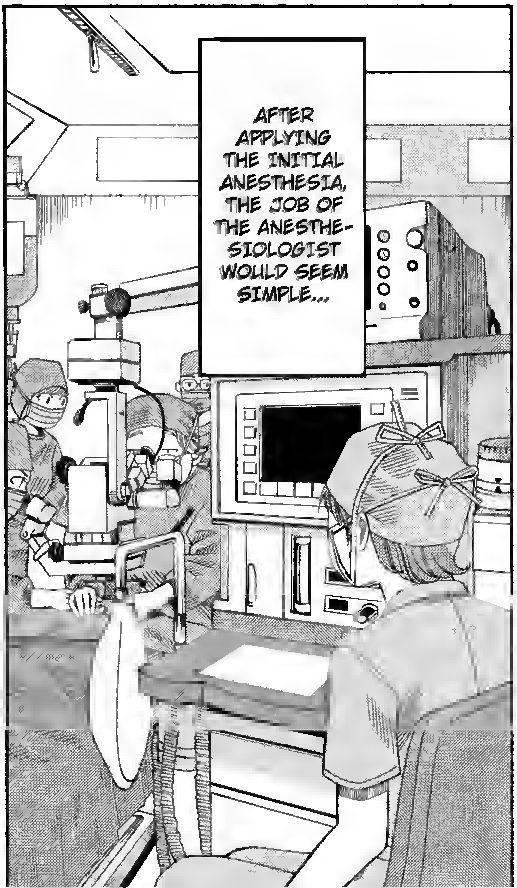
DON'T STRETCH YOUR-SELF...
THIS FEELS DANGER-OUS...
HMM...


THE RETINA GETTING DETACHED
RETINAL DETACHMENT
AN EMERGENCY OPERATION FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY. A RETINAL DETACHMENT.
BUCKLING AND ENCIRCLING.
EXPLAINED IN EASY WORDS, IT'S AN OPERATION TO REATTACH A RETINA THAT STARTED DETACHING FROM THE INSIDE WALL OF THE EYE. TO DO THAT, THE EYEBALL IS PUSHED BACK, AND THERE'S A BUCKLE SEWN AROUND THE EYEBALL.

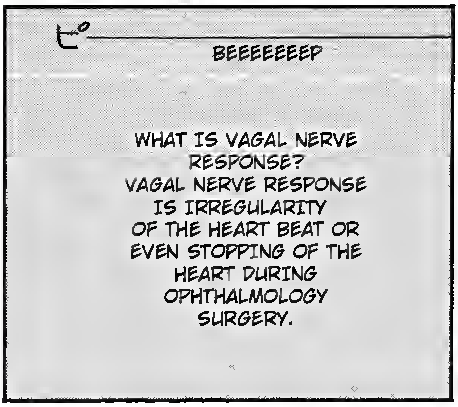


*DISORDER OF THE HEART RATE

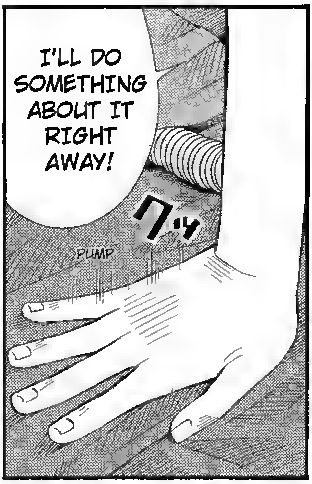


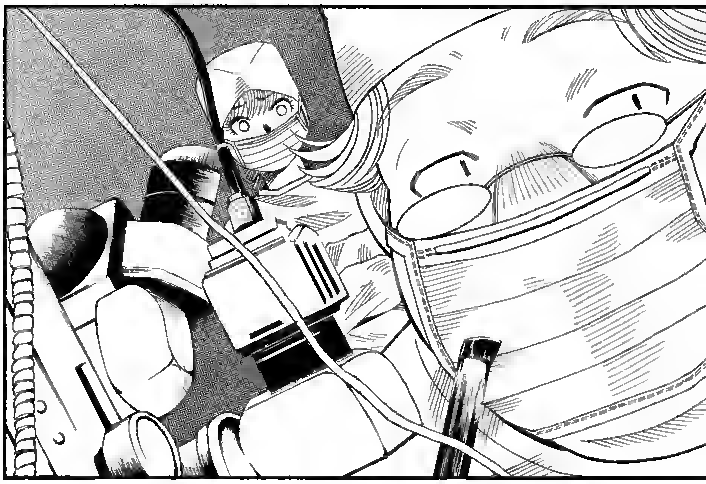


WHAT'S THE MATTER?
HUH?
DOCTOR! I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO PAUSE THE OPERATION!


BEEEEEEEP
WHAT IS VAGAL NERVE RESPONSE? VAGAL NERVE RESPONSE IS IRREGULARITY OF THE HEART BEAT OR EVEN STOPPING OF THE HEART DURING OPHTHALMOLOGY SURGERY.

THE HEART HAS STOPPED BEATING!
THE PATIENT IS SUFFERING FROM A VAGAL NERVE RESPONSE!!


I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT RIGHT AWAY!
PUMP



NO NEED TO WORRY! THIS ONLY HAPPENS VERY RARELY, BUT I KNOW WHAT TO DO IN THIS SITUATION!
IF I PUSH THE HEART TWO OR THREE TIMES, THE HEART SHOULD START BEATING AGAIN...
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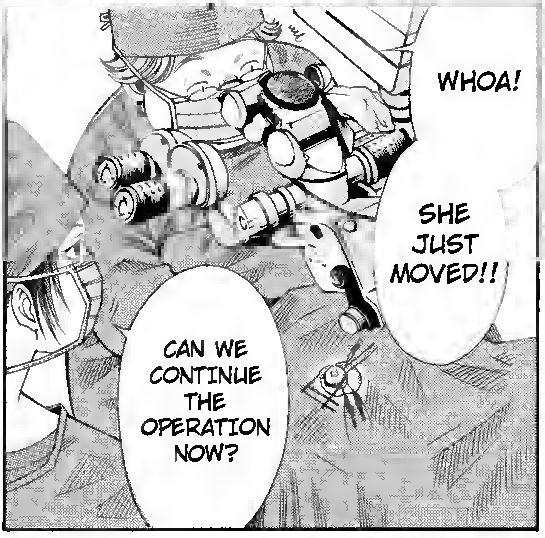
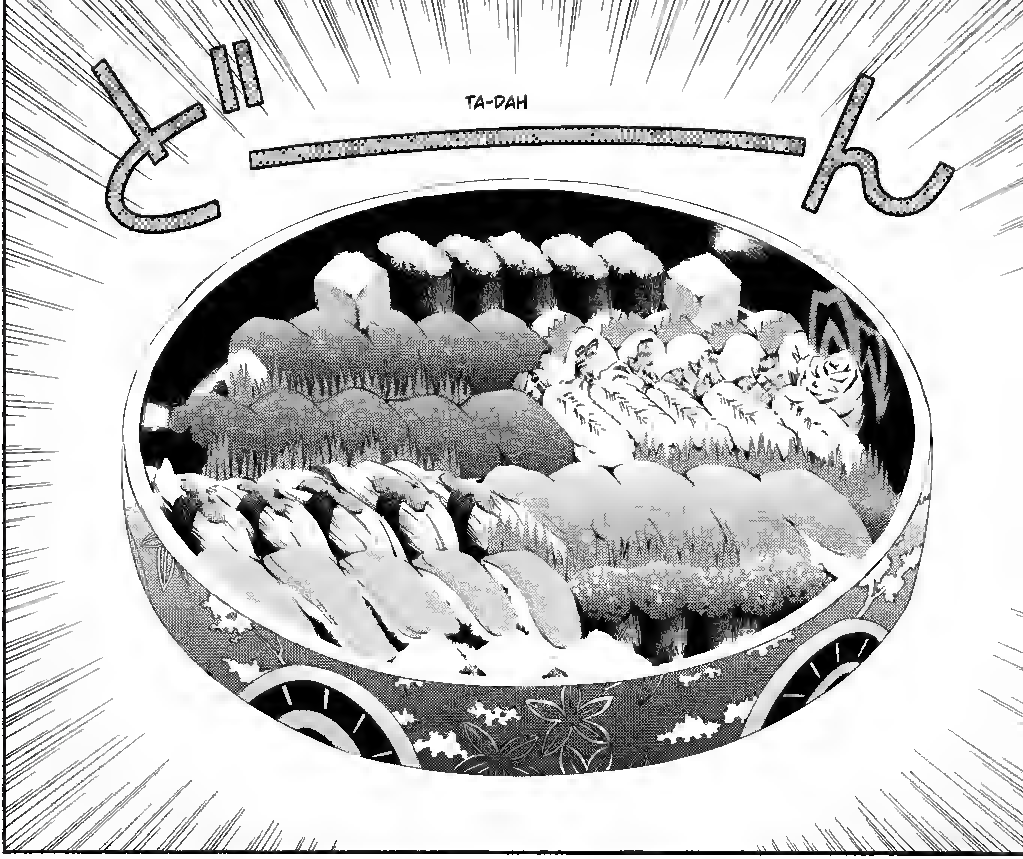
BEEP BEEP

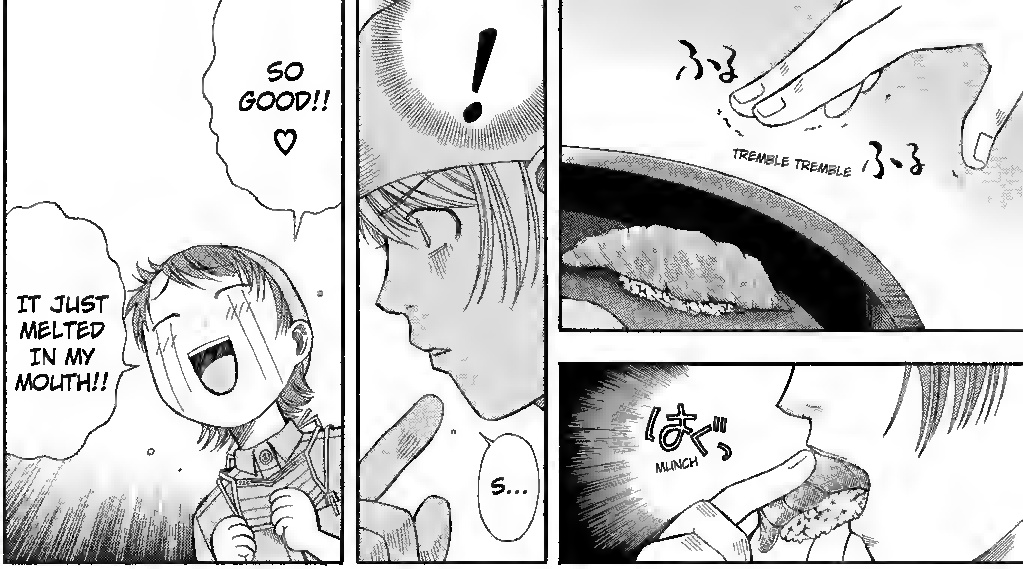
YES!! PLEASE CONTINUE THE OPERATION!


WHOA!
SHE JUST MOVED!!
CAN WE CONTINUE THE OPERATION NOW?


TA-DAH

OH...

I'M SO SORRY FOR KEEPING YOU BUSY UNTIL SO LATE!
AS A SYMBOL OF MY GRATITUDE, PLEASE HAVE THIS!
禁煙
...
SO LATE? IT'S ONLY HALF PAST NINE... GEEZ... THOSE GUYS FROM THE 9 TO 5 DEPARTMENT...
IF IT'S FROM OPHTHALMOLOGY, THIS FOOD SHOULD BE GOOD!!
MUNCH MUNCH もぐ" もぐ"
ALL RIGHT, HANAOKA, GO AHEAD...



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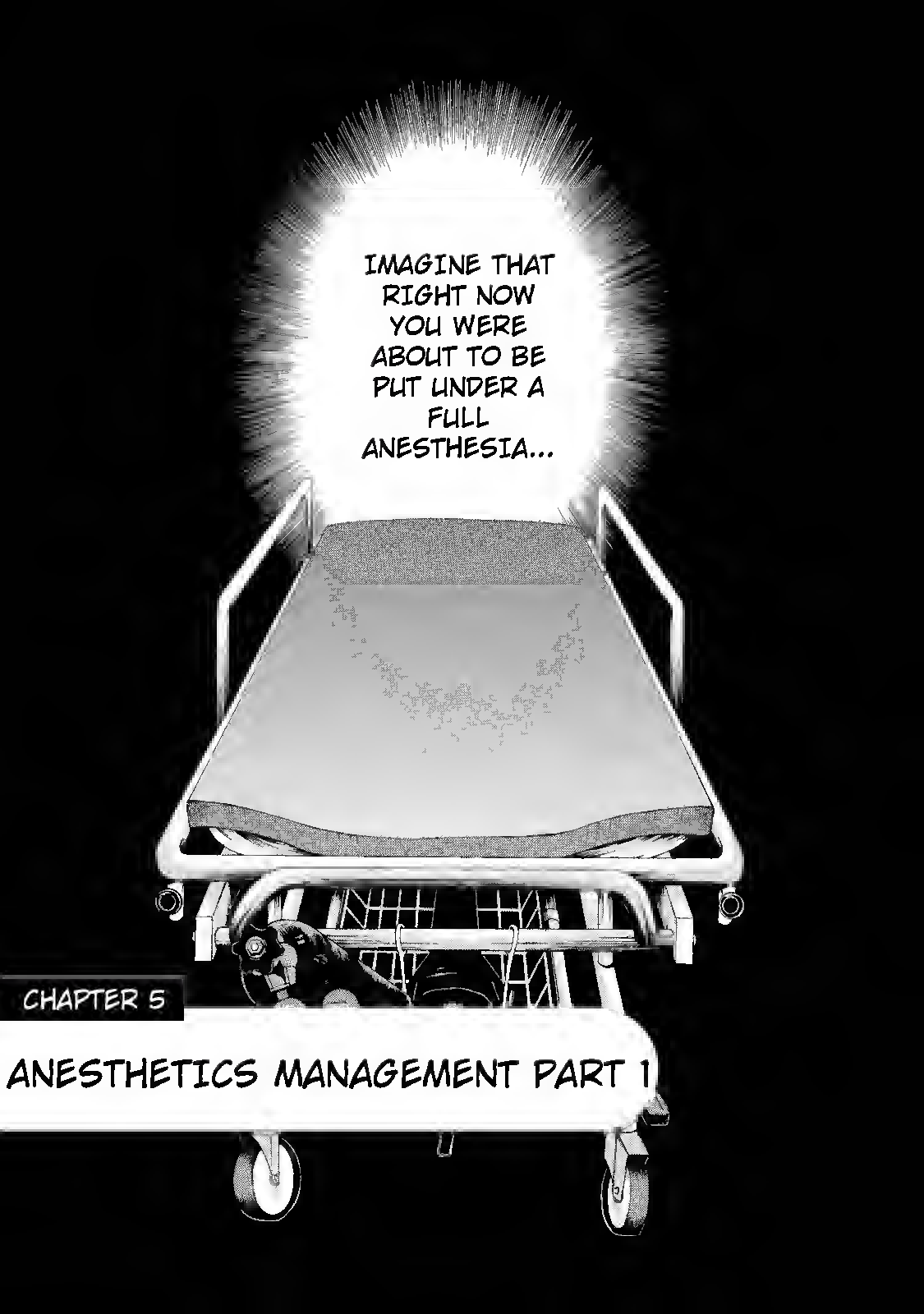
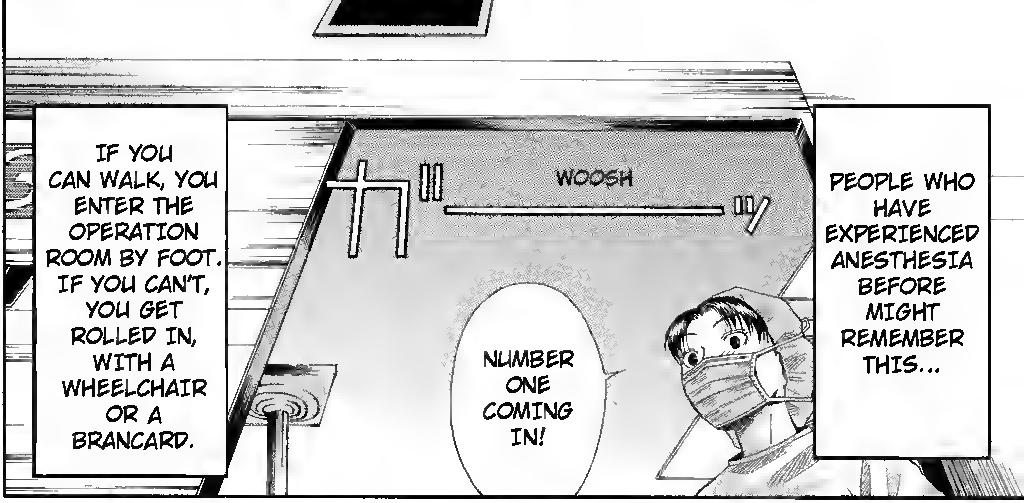
HE HAS MY LOYALTY UNTIL THE DAY I DIE! ♡
OH, THE DOCTOR FROM OPHTHALMOLOGY IS SUCH A NICE PERSON!!
WON OVER THAT EASILY...
WHAT A SIMPLE MIND...

END OF CHAPTER 4

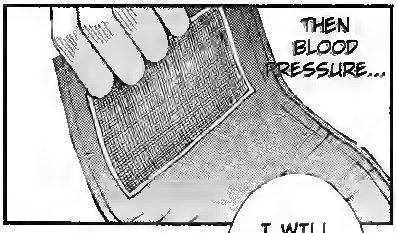


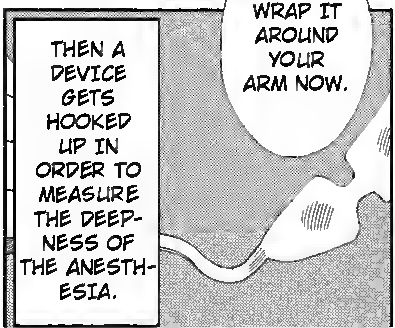
CHAPTER 5

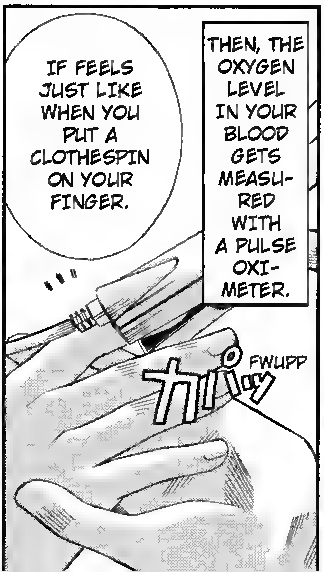
ANESTHETICS MANAGEMENT PART 1


IF YOU CAN WALK, YOU ENTER THE OPERATION ROOM BY FOOT. IF YOU CAN'T, YOU GET ROLLED IN, WITH A WHEELCHAIR OR A BRANCARD.
WOOSH
NUMBER ONE COMING IN!
PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED ANESTHESIA BEFORE MIGHT REMEMBER THIS...

THEN YOU ARE TOLD TO LIE DOWN FACING UPWARDS ON THE REALLY NARROW OPERATION TABLE.
CAN YOU GET ON THE TABLE BY YOURSELF?
MISTER X,


THEN BLOOD PRESSURE...


I WILL WRAP IT AROUND YOUR ARM NOW.
THEN A DEVICE GETS HOOKED UP IN ORDER TO MEASURE THE DEEPNESS OF THE ANESTHESIA.


IF FEELS JUST LIKE WHEN YOU PUT A CLOTHESPIN ON YOUR FINGER.
THEN, THE OXYGEN LEVEL IN YOUR BLOOD GETS MEASURED WITH A PULSE OXIMETER.
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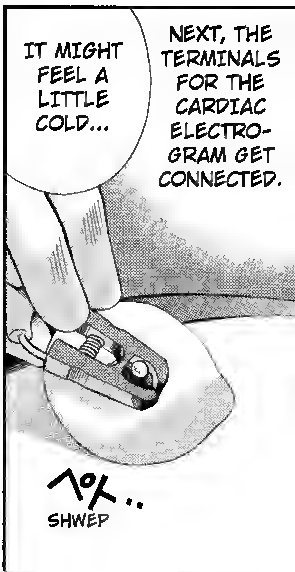
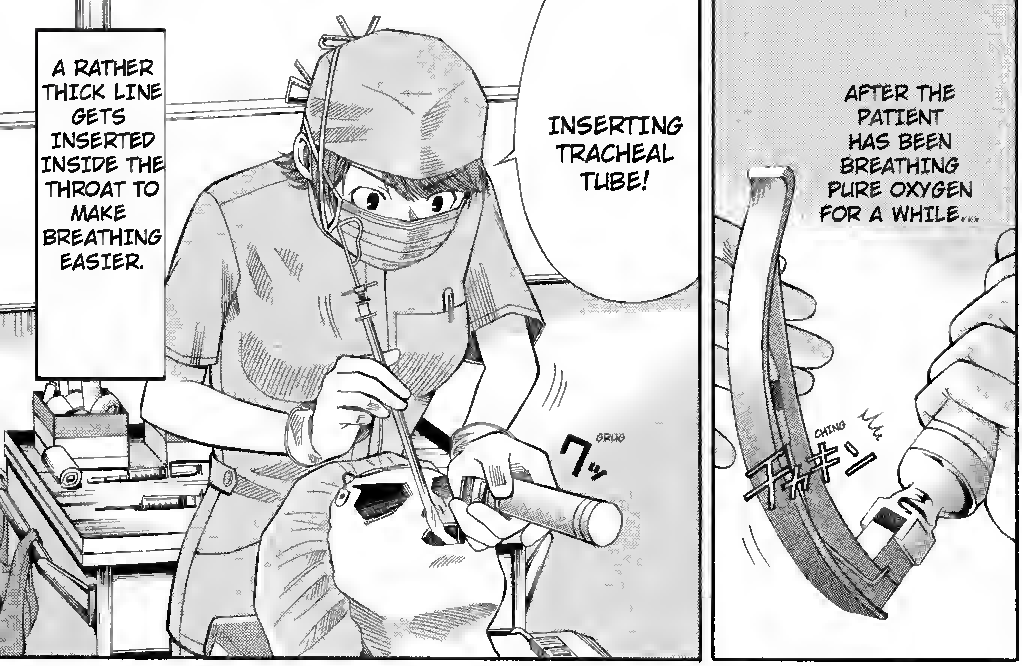

IT MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE COLD...
NEXT, THE TERMINALS FOR THE CARDIAC ELECTROGRAM GET CONNECTED.
SHWEP

IF THERE'S NO INFUSE LINE ATTACHED YET,
THEY PUT ONE IN PLACE.
THIS WILL STING A LITTLE BIT.
FSSHH
WE WILL PUT THE MASK OVER YOUR MOUTH NOW.
YOU WILL BE PUT UNDER ANESTHESIA NOW,
YOU WILL START TO FEEL SLEEPY.
PEEK
AND FINALLY, THROUGH THE INFUSE LINE, THE ANESTHETICS ARE BEING INFUSED IN YOUR BLOOD.
MISTER X, PLEASE TAKE IN SLOW AND DEEP BREATHS!
IT USUALLY ONLY TAKES A FEW SECONDS BEFORE YOU LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS. AFTER THIS, MOST PEOPLE DON'T EVEN REMEMBER THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S FACE...
MISTER X?
MISTER X?
DO YOU STILL FEEL THE STING IN YOUR ARM?

EVEN THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING PUT UNDER ANESTHESIA DON'T KNOW THE NEXT PART.
IS HE ASLEEP?
YES...
WELL THEN, I'M INJECTING THE VECURONIUM.
AFTER THEY'VE VERIFIED THAT YOU LOST CONCIOUSNESS, THEY INJECT A MUSCLE RELAXANT.
HOW IS VENTILA-TION? HOLD THE MASK STEADY.
YES.
THE ANESTHE-SIO-LOGIST REGULATES YOUR BREATHING.
SOON SPONTANEOUS RESPIRATION WILL STOP


A RATHER THICK LINE GETS INSERTED INSIDE THE THROAT TO MAKE BREATHING EASIER.
INSERTING TRACHEAL TUBE!
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AFTER THE PATIENT HAS BEEN BREATHING PURE OXYGEN FOR A WHILE...
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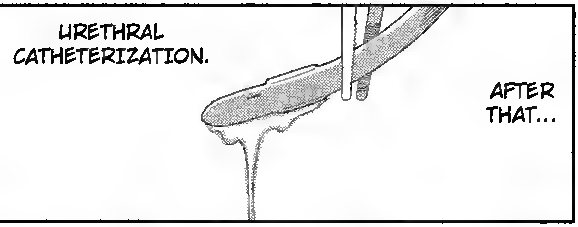
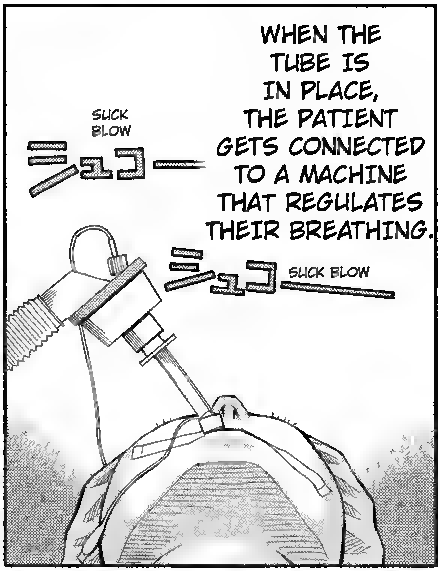

URETHRAL CATHETERIZATION.
AFTER THAT...


WHEN THE TUBE IS IN PLACE, THE PATIENT GETS CONNECTED TO A MACHINE THAT REGULATES THEIR BREATHING.
SUCK BLOW
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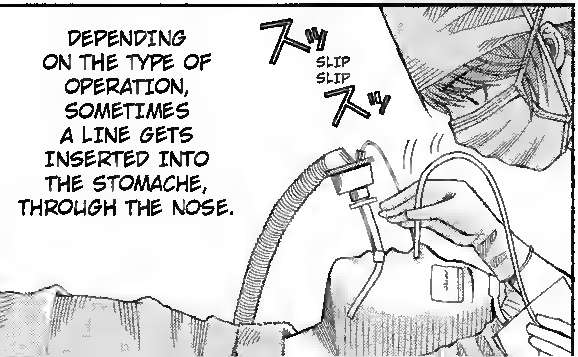
AFTER CHECKING THE PUPILS, THE EYELIDS GET SEALED SHUT.


DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF OPERATION, SOMETIMES A LINE GETS INSERTED INTO THE STOMACHE, THROUGH THE NOSE.
SLIP SLIP
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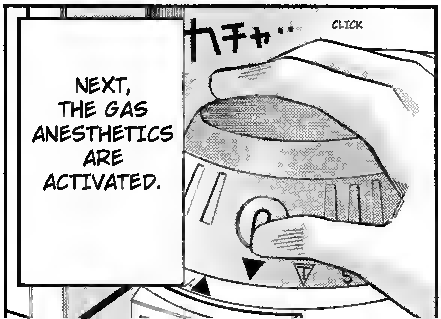
NEXT, THE GAS ANESTHETICS ARE ACTIVATED.
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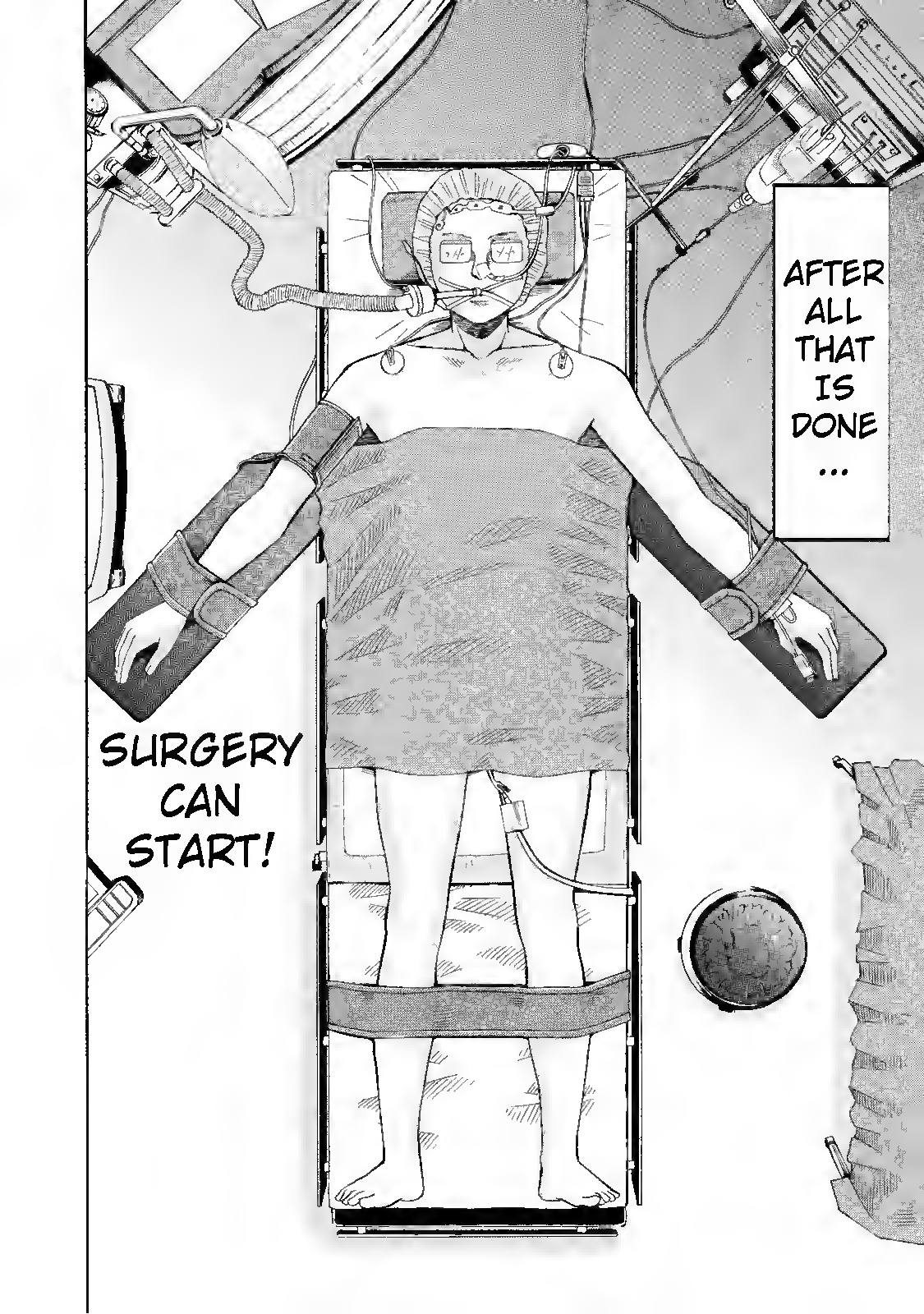
AFTER ALL THAT IS DONE ...
SURGERY CAN START!

AFTER ALL, ANESTHESIOLOGISTS LIKE ME ARE IN CHARGE OF THE ANESTHETICS MANAGEMENT IN THE OPERATION ROOM.
ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS UP TO THIS POINT?
HAMAOKA
EASILY EXPLAINED, THAT'S JUST ABOUT IT.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WORK IS FINISHED. THERE'S STILL A LOT OF OTHER THINGS AFTER THAT...
ANESTHESIOLOGY COMMON ROOM

ANGER
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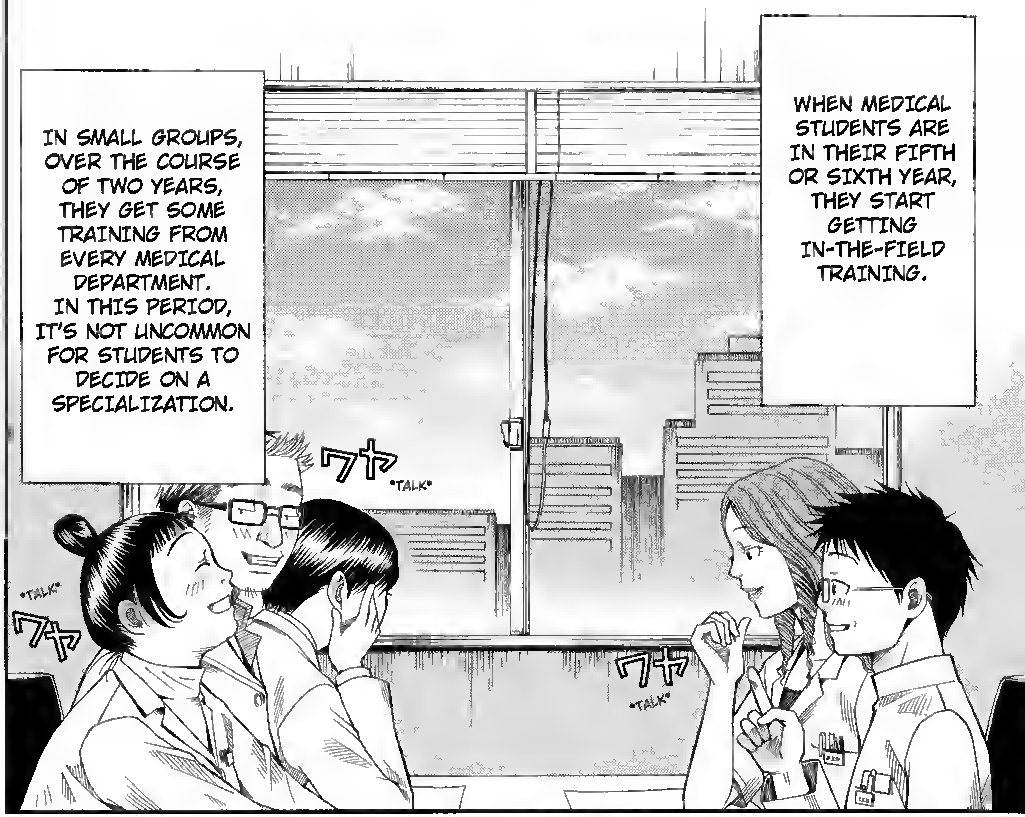
T-THESE KIDS...!!
HOW MANY DAYS OFF DO YOU GET FOR SUMMER VACATION?
YES!!
WHAT TIME DO WE HAVE TO BE HERE UNTIL TODAY?
I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE TO WORK LONG HOURS...


IN SMALL GROUPS, OVER THE COURSE OF TWO YEARS, THEY GET SOME TRAINING FROM EVERY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT. IN THIS PERIOD, IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR STUDENTS TO DECIDE ON A SPECIALIZATION.
WHEN MEDICAL STUDENTS ARE IN THEIR FIFTH OR SIXTH YEAR, THEY START GETTING IN-THE-FIELD TRAINING.
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"TALK"
"TALK"
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"TALK"

BUT IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO SCARE STUDENTS AWAY FROM THE ALREADY UNDERSTAFFED DEPARTMENTS. SO IT'S NECESSARY TO CONTROL MYSELF HERE!
SMILE
WE GET TWO WEEKS OFF FOR THE SUMMER, HERE AT THE ANESTHESIA DEPARTMENT. ♥
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HMM?
I GUESS THAT'S USUAL..
THAT'S SO-SO..

THEY STILL HAVEN'T MANAGED TO SHAKE OFF THAT CHILDISH STUDENT VIBE...
THEY ARE STILL STUDENTS THOUGH
I WOULD LOVE TO TELL THEM THIS IN VERY CLEAR WORDS...

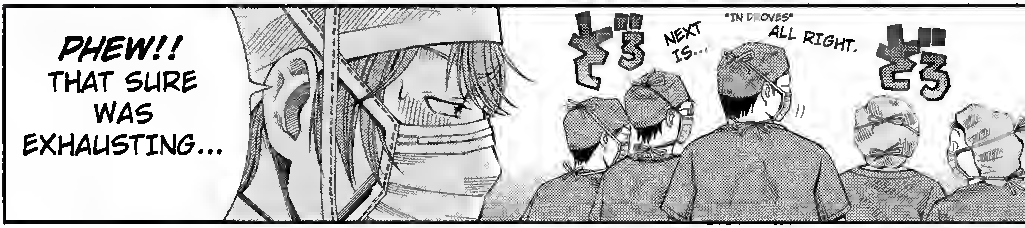
WE HAVE SIX OPERATION ROOMS HERE. COMPARED TO THE UNIVERSITY'S MAIN HOSPITAL, THAT'S NOT SO MANY.
IN DROVES
I WILL NOW GUIDE YOU AROUND THE EAST MEDICAL CENTER'S OPERATION ROOMS.
THAT'S THE HAND WASHING UNIT.
YOU CAN SEE HOW THAT PERSON WHO WILL GO INTO THE OPERATION ROOM IS WASHING HIS HANDS VERY THOROUGHLY.
SCRUB SCRUB
DOCTOR!! WHAT'S THIS?
WHA!
DON'T TOUCH THAT!
THESE GREEN OR BLUE COVERS, IN THE OPERATION ROOM INDICATE,
THAT WHAT'S UNDER IT IS CLEAN.
DON'T FORGET THAT!
FOR A DOCTOR, THE WORD CLEAN MEANS MORE THAN IT DOES FOR OTHER PEOPLE. IN THE OPERATION ROOM, CLEAN MEANS STERILIZED.
SO STAY FAR AWAY FROM THEM!!
HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A LOOK INSIDE?
STEP

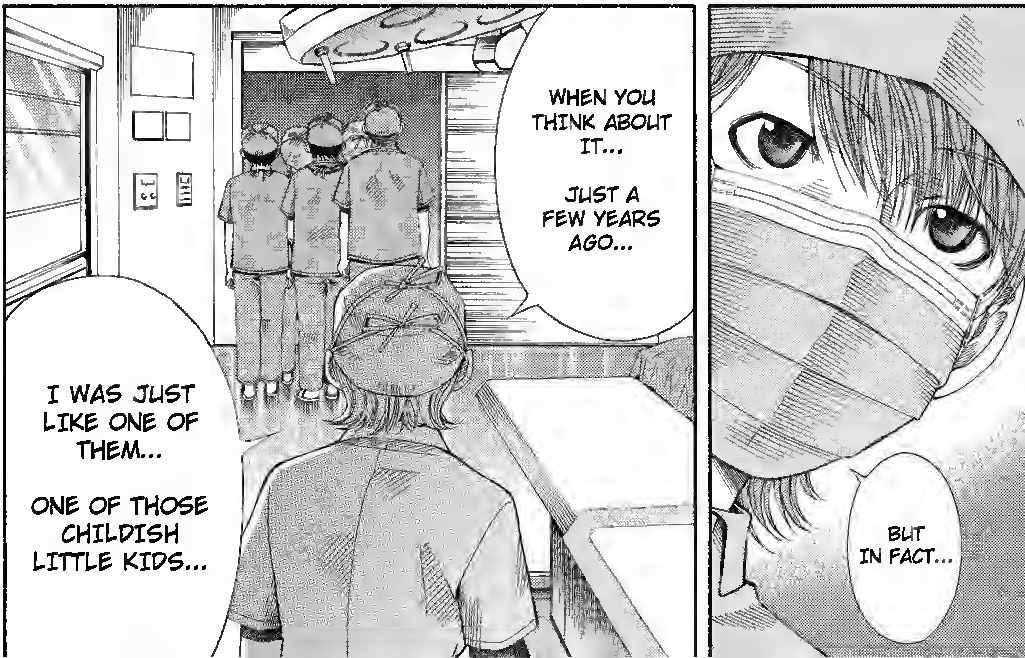
THIS IS WHAT AN OPERATION ROOM LOOKS LIKE ON THE INSIDE.
WOOSH
YOU OPEN THE DOOR WITH THIS FOOT SWITCH.
SO DON'T BOTHER TRYING WITH YOUR HANDS.
OH MY GOD! THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO START WORKING AT EIGHT IN THE MORNING?
HOW NAIVE... ON MORNINGS WHEN WE HAVE A STUDY MEETING, WE EVEN HAVE TO-
...BE HERE AT HALF PAST 7! HALF PAST SEVEN!!
ASANOME! THEY DON'T NEED TO KNOW THAT!!
I SMELL TROUBLE COMING IN...
OH...
THE FIRST CASE COMES IN AT HALF PAST EIGHT, SO THEY'RE HERE FROM ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK!
AS YOU CAN SEE, BEFORE THE OPERATION,
ANESTHE-SIO-LOGISTS DO SOME PREPAR-ATIONS.

HE'S DOCTOR UZUKI, IN CHARGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICE,
BEING IN CHARGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICE, IS A POSITION OF ABOUT THE SAME DEGREE AS AN ASSISTANT LECTURER, AT UNIVERSITY,
SO IT'S NOT LIKE I'M THE BIG BOSS HERE.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
THIS IS DOCTOR ASANOME.
UMM...
OH!! STUDENTS!!
BOW
AND DOCTOR INOUE, WHO'S A TRAINEE IN HER FIRST YEAR.

PROBABLY WALKING AROUND SOMEWHERE, WASTING HIS TIME...
HMM, WHERE'S KOBAYA-KAWA?
HUH? ONLY FOUR ANESTHESIO-LOGISTS IN THE ROOM?
GEEZ...

AH WELL... SO WE'RE WAITING FOR ONE MORE...
GOT IT.
I WILL CONTINUE SHOWING THEM AROUND, SO YOU CAN TAKE OVER THE PREPARATIONS FROM HERE.
CHOO!
...HA-


PHEW!! THAT SURE WAS EXHAUSTING...
NEXT IS...
"IN DIAPERS"
ALL RIGHT.


WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
JUST A FEW YEARS AGO...
I WAS JUST LIKE ONE OF THEM...
ONE OF THOSE CHILDISH LITTLE KIDS...
BUT IN FACT...

HE HE
WHEN I LOOK AT THEM, I REALIZE THAT IN ONLY TWO YEARS...
I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY DOCTOR-LIKE.

MOST OF THE THINGS WE DO IN THE OPERATION ROOM CAN BE LEARNED IN ONLY TWO TO THREE YEARS,
THAT'S WHY, WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS, WE GET TREATED LIKE PROFESSIONALS PRETTY QUICKLY.

I WAS PLANNING TO CLEAN THOSE UP LATER...
FLOMP
EXCUSE ME...
THOSE USED CATHETERS ...
CLANG
YOU SHOULD PROPERLY DISPOSE OF THEM!
HANAOKA!
FROM TODAY ON, THERE WILL BE STUDENTS AROUND FOR A WHOLE WEEK, YOU KNOW?
SQUEEZE
RIGHT ...
DOCTOR KOBAYA-KAWA, YOU WEREN'T HERE EARLIER, RIGHT?

AAHH
...
...
カラカラ
CLATTER
ドカッ
BAM
グイッ
YANK
GOOD ENOUGH?
OH...
WHAT IS THIS? IS IT BECAUSE THERE'S NOT AS MUCH PRESSURE AS USUAL, BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF CASES TODAY?
SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...
RESTLESS
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そわ
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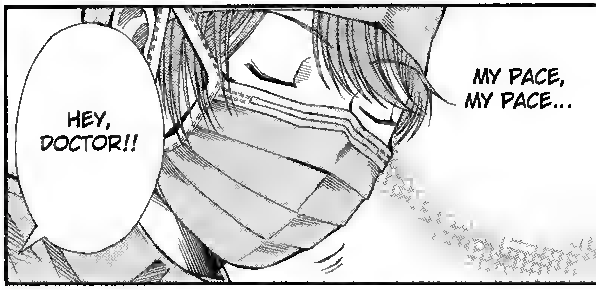
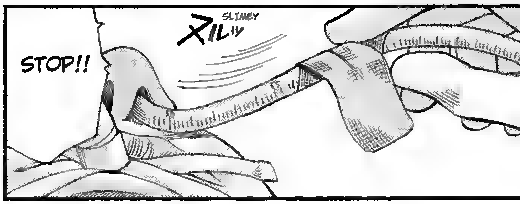
RESTLESS
RESTLESS

PUT THE STOMACHE LINE IN PLACE!
YES.

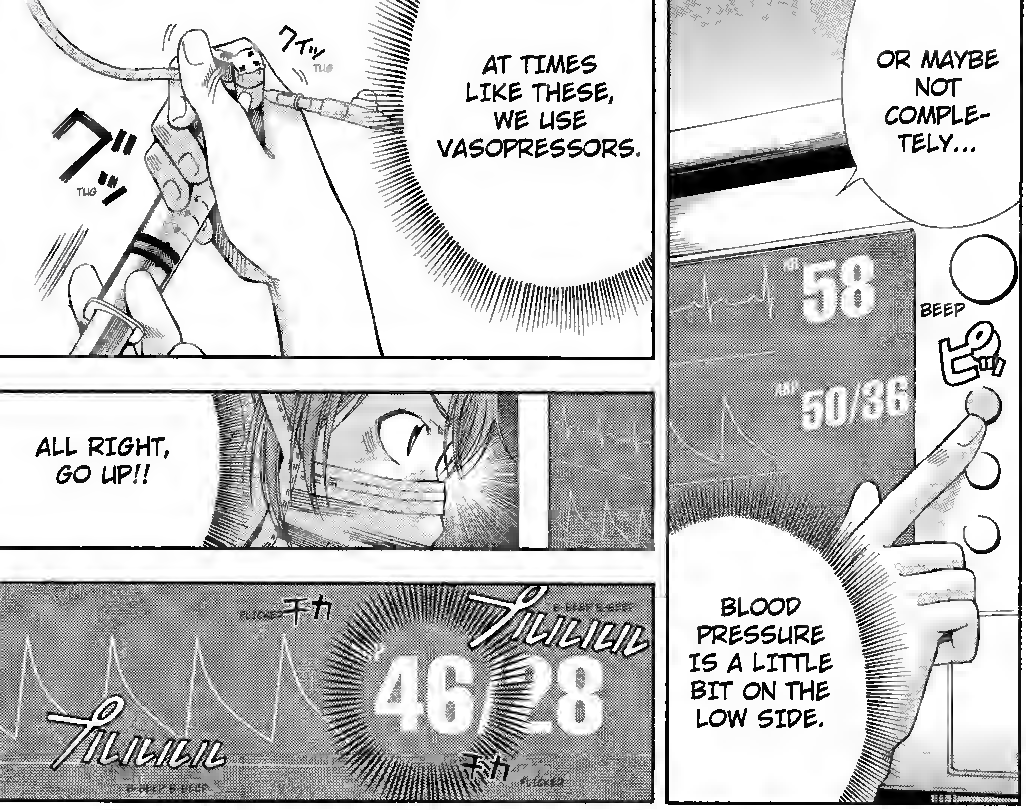
I CAN DO ALL OF THIS ON MY OWN,
CAN'T YOU ALL JUST GO SOMEWHERE ELSE...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN SAY THAT...


MY PACE, MY PACE...
HEY, DOCTOR!!

VITALS SEEM PERFECTLY NORMAL.
HM?


STOP!!
SLIMEY

EVERYTHING GOING SMOOTHLY!!
I WILL ATTACH IT NOW.
SLURP SLURP


AT TIMES LIKE THESE, WE USE VASOPRESSORS.
OR MAYBE NOT COMPLE-TELY...
BEEP
HR 58
NIBP 50/36
BLOOD PRESSURE IS A LITTLE BIT ON THE LOW SIDE.
ALL RIGHT, GO UP!!
46/28

MAYBE IT WASN'T ENOUGH. IF I JUST INJECT A LITTLE MORE, IT'LL...
"INJECTION GOING IN"
HUH? IT DIDN'T GO UP!?
I'M SURE I INJECTED IT CORRECTLY...
WEIRD ...

HR
B-BEEP
ABP
42/2
B-BEEP
B-BEEP
HUH? WHY...
THE BLOOD PRESSURE WON'T RISE!!

SURGEONS! IS THE PATIENT LOSING BLOOD SOMEWHERE, BY CHANCE?
THAT MIGHT BE THE CAUSE...
CALM DOWN!!
IF I LOSE MY CALM HERE, IT WON'T DO THE SITUATION ANY GOOD!

HEY, HER BLOOD PRESSURE IS LOW!!
B-BEEP
B-BEEP
HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER!?
HEY DOCTOR, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

THAT'S WHY ANESTHE-SIO-LOGISTS ARE SCUM!
YOU PROBABLY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M WORKING ON HERE AT THE MOMENT!?
WHAT? ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THIS IS OUR FAULT!?
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING ALL THIS TIME!?
HOW CAN THERE BE ANY BLOOD LOSS IN A CASE LIKE THIS!?
HUH, DOCTOR !!
AH...
WHERE'S THE PATIENT LOSING BLOOD!?
YOU TRY TO TELL US!!

CALL AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST WITH MORE EXPERIENCE!!
OR A PROFESSOR, OR ANYONE!!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO WORK WITH AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST THAT CAN'T EVEN DO HER JOB!?
END OF CHAPTER 5

CHAPTER 6

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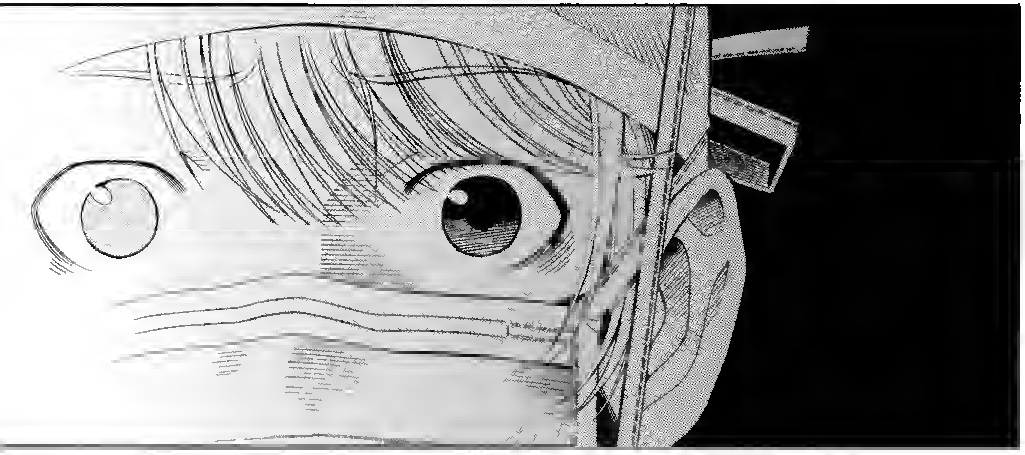

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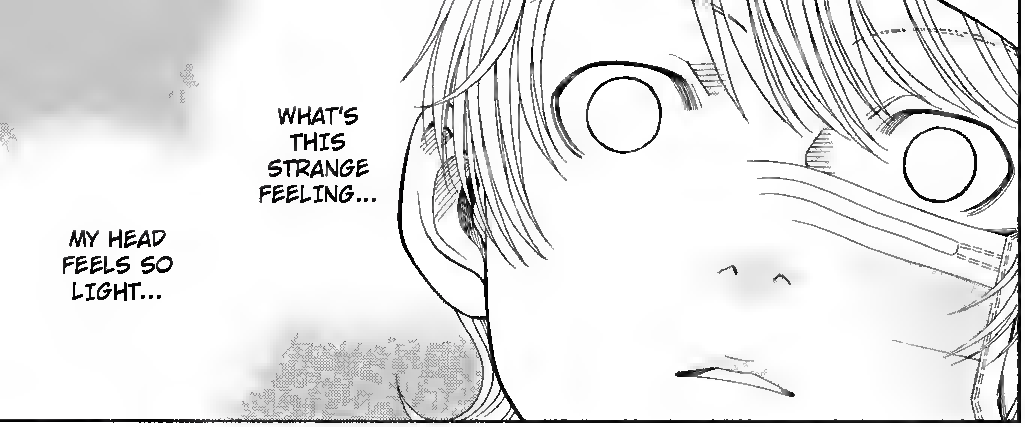
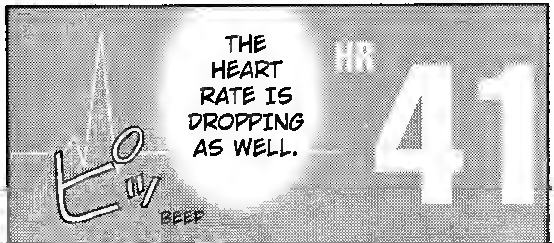

WHAT'S THIS STRANGE FEELING...
MY HEAD FEELS SO LIGHT...

AND THE OPERATION ROOM SUDDENLY FEELS SO FAR...
I CAN'T THINK OF A SINGLE THING...

I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.
PAT
BUT WHAT?

STAGGER
BEEP
BUT I GOT TO DO SOMETHING ...
BEEP


THE HEART RATE IS DROPPING AS WELL.
HR
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BEEP

DOCTOR KOBAYA-KAWA?
HANAOKA, NOT THERE...
EH...
THE PATIENT IS NOT IN THE MONITOR...
...I KNOW THAT!!
WHAT IS THIS GUY TELLING ME AT A TIME LIKE THIS!?

WE, ANESTHESIO-LOGISTS,
WE DON'T PUT MONITORS UNDER ANESTHESIA, DO WE?

THIS IS WHERE HE'S AT, HANAOKA !!
RATHER THAN LOOKING AT THE MONITOR,
LOOK AT THE PATIENT!!

PERSON-
ALITY
AGE
GENDER
HEART
FUNCTION
OPERATION
PROCEDURE
MEDICAL
HISTORY
ALL
INFORMATION
ABOUT THE
PATIENT IN
QUESTION,
USING
ALL THIS
INFORMATION,
HEARING
SIGHT
TOUCH
SMELL
USING ALL
OF YOUR
SENSES,
GET A GRIP
ON THE
SITUATION!!

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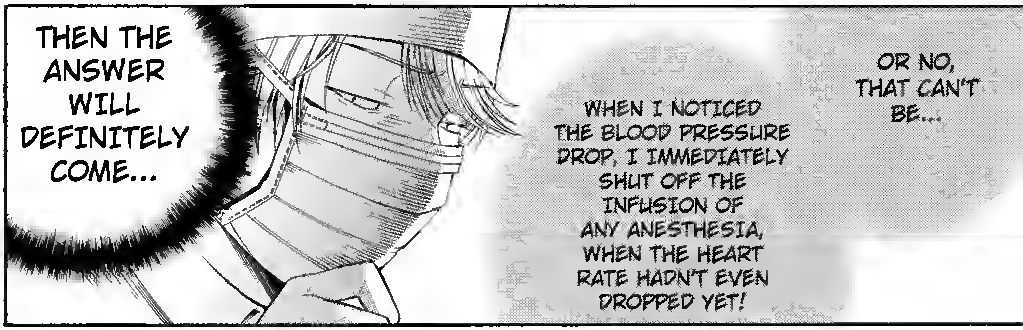
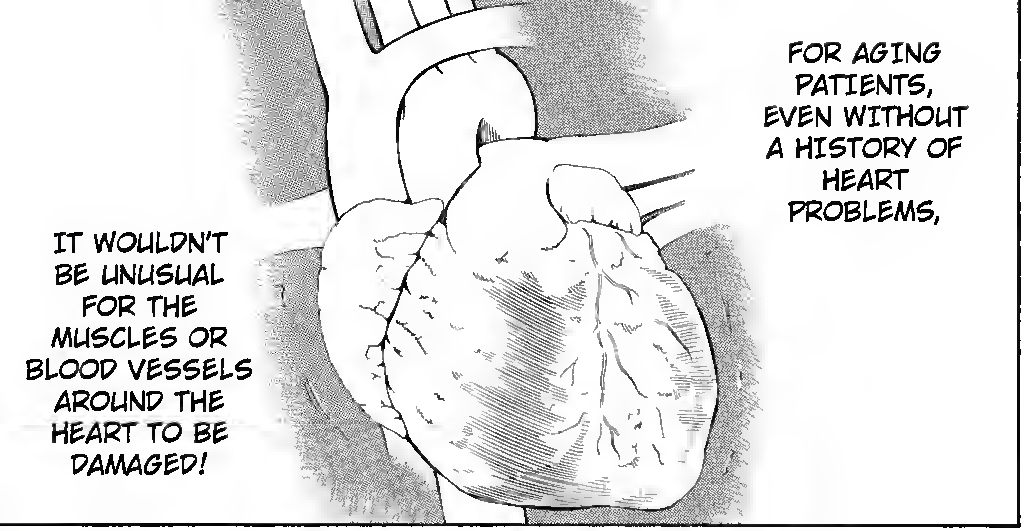
56/32
GOT THAT!? HANAOKA!!
THE MONITOR IS ONLY ONE WAY OF OBTAINING INFORMATION!
IS TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE THIS PATIENT'S BODY!!
THE IMPORTANT THING NOW,

THINK CAREFULLY OF ALL THE POSSIBI-LITIES!
BUT IN THE CASE OF BLOOD LOSS, THE HEART RATE WOULD GO UP.
...IT HAS TO BE!!
IS THE BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEART RATE DROPPING AS A RESULT OF THE INJECTED ANESTHESIA?
IS SHE LOSING BLOOD BECAUSE OF THE SURGERY?


THEN THE ANSWER WILL DEFINITELY COME...
WHEN I NOTICED THE BLOOD PRESSURE DROP, I IMMEDIATELY SHUT OFF THE INFUSION OF ANY ANESTHESIA, WHEN THE HEART RATE HADN'T EVEN DROPPED YET!
OR NO, THAT CAN'T BE...

OH, I SEE...


FOR AGING PATIENTS, EVEN WITHOUT A HISTORY OF HEART PROBLEMS,
IT WOULDN'T BE UNUSUAL FOR THE MUSCLES OR BLOOD VESSELS AROUND THE HEART TO BE DAMAGED!

NURSE!!
THE HEART IS THE CAUSE!!
GET ME 150MG OF DOPAMINE, DILUTED INTO 50CC!!

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WOOSH
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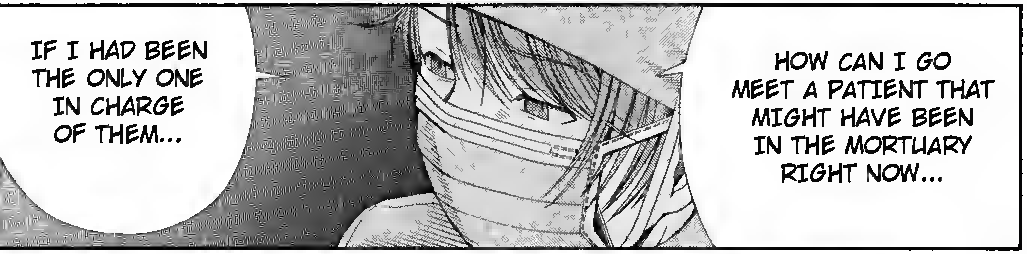
RATTLE
RATTLE

"I'VE GOTTEN MORE DOCTOR-LIKE", I WAS THINKING EARLIER... HAVE I REALLY...?
HAHA...

PEEKING AT THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT OF THE LADY FROM EARLIER, SHE SEEMED OKAY!
WHY DON'T YOU GO MEET HER!?
I-...
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON MY OWN, CAN I EVEN CALL MYSELF A DOCTOR?
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU STANDING THERE FOR?


IF I HAD BEEN THE ONLY ONE IN CHARGE OF THEM...
HOW CAN I GO MEET A PATIENT THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN THE MORTUARY RIGHT NOW...

YOU KNOW...
I'M DIFFERENT THAN YOU. I JUST CAN'T ACT IN A CAREFREE WAY ABOUT EVERY THING...
THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'RE SCARED?

IT'S JUST TOO HEAVY ON ME,
HAVING TO MAKE DECISIONS IN A SPLIT SECOND, THAT MIGHT ENDANGER SOMEONE'S LIFE...
TO BE HONEST, AFTER TODAY'S CASE...
I FEEL LIKE I'VE LOST MY CONFIDENCE TO CONTINUE AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST.

BUT, THAT'S EXACTLY WHY...
...THIS WORLD NEEDS ANESTHESIOLOGISTS.
IT'S KIND OF TOUGH TO PERFORM SURGERY AND ANESTHESIA AT THE SAME TIME.
BUT A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN ANESTHETICS DIDN'T EVEN EXIST YET, THERE USED TO BE A TON MORE ACCIDENTS.

TO PULL THEM BACK UP, BY OFFERING THEM TREATMENT...
FOR WHEN A PERSON IS ABOUT TO FALL INTO THE DARKNESS OF DEATH,
治療して引き上げようとする…
死の淵に落ちそうになる患者を
MOST DOCTORS ARE JUST THERE...

BUT FOR ANESTHESIOLOGISTS, IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
WE LOWER THE PATIENTS DANGEROUSLY LOW IN THE DARKNESS.
患者をわざわざ死に近い状態まで降ろしていく…
THROUGH THE USE OF POWERFUL MEDICINE AND NARCOTICS, THEY STOP THE PATIENT'S CONSCIOUSNESS, HIS BREATH, AND SOMETIMES EVEN HIS HEART.

IT IS A GIFT, REALLY.

BUT PUTTING THEM IN THAT HELPLESS STATE IS WHAT PROTECTS THEM FROM PAIN, STRESS AND FEAR DURING THE OPERATION.

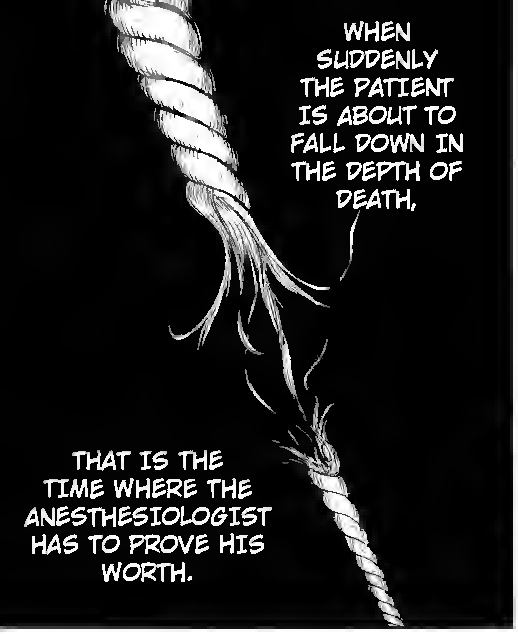
IT'S ALL FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY.

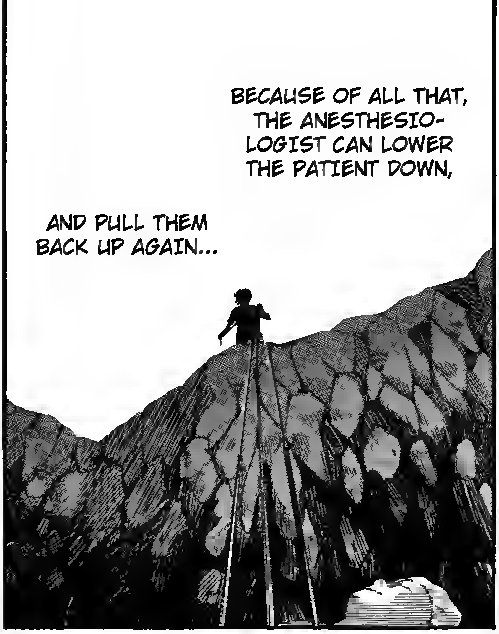
PLUGGING THE PATIENT UP TO ALL THOSE MONITORS AND ATTACHING ALL THOSE LINES TO THEM,

AND ALL THESE MEASURING TOOLS LEND US THEIR POWER IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO KEEP A BETTER EYE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING INSIDE THE PATIENT.

IT'S ONLY TO SECURE THE PATIENT'S BREATH THAT A TUBE IS INSERTED IN THEIR THROAT.

WE SLIDE A CATHETER UNDER THEIR SKIN, SO WE'RE ALWAYS ABLE TO PROVIDE THEM MEDICINE OR BLOOD IN THE QUICKEST MANNER,


WHEN SUDDENLY THE PATIENT IS ABOUT TO FALL DOWN IN THE DEPTH OF DEATH,
THAT IS THE TIME WHERE THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST HAS TO PROVE HIS WORTH.


BECAUSE OF ALL THAT, THE ANESTHESIO-LOGIST CAN LOWER THE PATIENT DOWN,
AND PULL THEM BACK UP AGAIN...

EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON JUST HOW MANY WAYS YOU KNOW OF SAVING THE PATIENT'S LIFE.
IN AN INSTANT LIKE THAT,

FOR PEOPLE WHO DECIDE TO BE AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST,
A MOMENT LIKE THAT WILL DEFINITELY COME, WITHOUT FAIL...
MAYBE FOR YOU, THAT MOMENT WAS TODAY.

YOU STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO,
BUT FOR ONLY TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, THAT WAS EXCELLENT WORK!
...
NOW GO AND MEET THAT LADY.
PEACE

I'M JUST TELLING YOU, BUT BACK THERE, I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
YOU FOUND THE PROBLEM, AND YOU ACTED ACCORDINGLY ...
AND THE PATIENT IS ALIVE.

EXCEL-LENT WORK!?
IN WHAT WAY WAS MY WORK EXCEL-LENT!?
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FOR KOBAYA-KAWA TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
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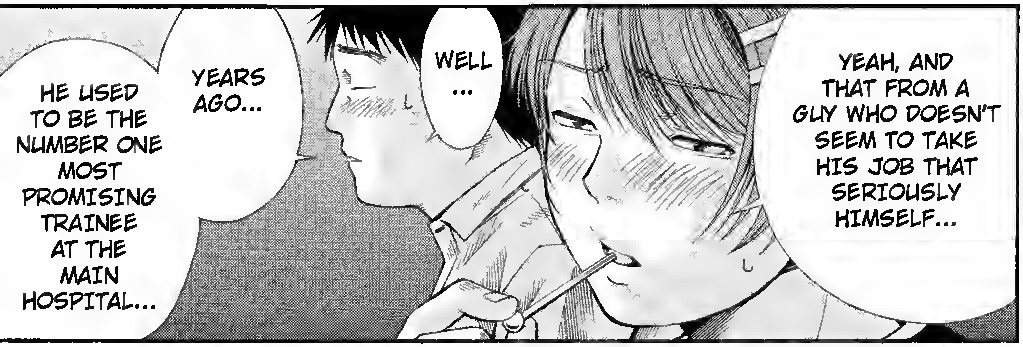
YEAH, AND THAT FROM A GUY WHO DOESN'T SEEM TO TAKE HIS JOB THAT SERIOUSLY HIMSELF...
WELL ...
YEARS AGO...
HE USED TO BE THE NUMBER ONE MOST PROMISING TRAINEE AT THE MAIN HOSPITAL...

IN COMPARISON TO AN AVERAGE GUY LIKE ME, HE WAS FULL OF CONFIDENCE.
HE USED TO BE A GUY WHO REALLY STOOD OUT...

YOU KNOW, HE ONCE LOST A PATIENT DURING AN OPERATION ...
HUH...
HUH !?
DON'T SAY THAT, DOCTOR!!
PUTTING RAW POWER ASIDE
YOU REMIND ME A BIT OF HOW HE USED TO BE, HANAOKA.
カラン
MAYBE IT'S POSSIBLE THAT...
KOBAYA-KAWA SAW HIMSELF IN YOU, IN A WAY...
BUT HE NEVER FORGAVE HIMSELF.
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT THAT JUST COULDN'T BE HELPED...
IT'S NOT LIKE THE RESPONSIBILITY WAS ONLY WITH HIM...

I THINK...
THEY WILL NEVER BE COMPLETELY ERASED UNTIL THE MOMENT YOU DIE.
WHEN LIVING YOUR LIFE, THERE'S ALWAYS A POINT WHERE YOU CAUSE AN ACCIDENT, OR MAKE A MISTAKE, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND AFTER THAT, YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE YOUR LIFE EMBRACING THOSE MISTAKES.
SO YOU KNOW... SEE THOSE FOOLISH LOOKING GUYS OVER THERE HAVING A GOOD TIME?

I HAD HEARD KOBAYAKAWA LEFT THE HOSPITAL ONCE AFTER AN ACCIDENT AT THE MAIN HOSPITAL.
BUT A FEW YEARS LATER, HE SUDDENLY STARTED WORKING AGAIN, AT EAST MEDICAL CENTER.
...
ALL THE SAGA OF THE ANESTHESIOL-OGIST...?
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ABOUT IT THAT WON'T LET HIM LEAVE.

HIS MISTAKE THAT WILL NEVER BE ERASED FROM HIS PAST...
IS HE STILL BLAMING HIMSELF FOR THAT ACCIDENT...
AS A NOVICE ANESTHESIOLOGIST, I STILL HAVE TO DISCOVER THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION FOR MYSELF.
WAIT A SECOND! THAT WASN'T A CIGARETTE, I SWEAR!
DOCTOR! YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SMOKE ON THE ROOF!!
END OF CHAPTER 6

CHAPTER 7

ANESTHESIOLOGISTS AND LOVE

THE NEW BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM ARE ENTERING THE ROOM!!
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CLOP CLOP CLOP

DOESN'T EVERYONE WHO'S OVER THIRTY DO IT LIKE THIS?
IT'S JUST THAT THEY'RE NOT AT AN AGE ANYMORE THAT THEY CAN BE WEARING A WHITE WEDDING DRESS...

WHOA!!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS! ♡

WELL... ...YEAH...
SHE'S WEARING A CLASSIC KIMONO, ASANOME!!
ISN'T IT WONDERFUL!? ♡
CLAP CLAP

IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL, YOU GRADUATE FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL AT 24.
THEN TWO YEARS AS A TRAINEE, AND YOU'RE 26.
OR IF YOU WANT TO GET A DEGREE IN ANY SPECIAL-IZATION, THAT'S ANOTHER FIVE YEARS, MAKING YOU 29...
BY THE TIME YOU CAN MARRY, YOU'VE PROBABLY BEEN ABLE TO SAVE UP QUITE A BIT,
BASICALLY, ANYONE CAN LOOK GOOD AS LONG AS THEY ARE WILLING TO SPEND SOME MONEY.
HMPH
UMM... ASANOME... ARE YOU FEELING A BIT TIRED...?
...YOU COULD SAY THAT...
menu
JUST BEFORE I CAME HERE, I WAS CALLED IN FOR AN EMERGENCY CASE...
THE CONTRAST OF BEING AT THIS FANCY PARTY, AND JUST A WHILE AGO WORKING IN THE OPERATION ROOM, COVERED IN SWEAT AND BLOOD.
AND I'M STILL ON CALL... SO IF THERE'S ANOTHER EMERGENCY, I'LL HAVE TO GO RIGHT BACK TO THE HOSPITAL!!
BUT EVEN SO, I STILL WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS!
BECAUSE, LOOK!!

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CHATTER
ざわ
BRIDEGROOM GUESTS
THE BRIDEGROOM'S SIDE SEEMS TO BE ONE BIG GATHERING OF DISTINGUISHED HEART SURGEONS...
AND THE BRIDE'S SIDE IS JUST A HUGE GROUP OF BIG-SHOT CARDIOLOGISTS.

JUST LOOK AT ALL THE GUESTS!!
CHATTER
ざわ
BRIDE GUESTS
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU GET TO SEE EVERY DAY.
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CHILLS
THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE LIKE CAT AND DOG, SO CLOSE TO EACH OTHER!!
CHILLS
ぞくっ
IF SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN HERE...
JINBO'S CARDIOLOGY DEPARTMENT WOULD BE FINISHED...
HE HE HE
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HAHA ...

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED ...

WHY THOSE TWO DEPARTMENTS CAN'T GET ALONG...

DON'T THEY HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER ON THE SAME PATIENTS?

YOU'RE SO NAIVE...

THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHY THEY DON'T GET ALONG.

AT THE INTERNAL MEDICINE DEPARTMENT, THE CARDIOLOGISTS WANT TO TREAT THE PATIENTS IN THEIR WAYS FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. JUST UNTIL THE POINT THAT THEIR TREATMENT ISN'T VIABLE ANYMORE.

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BUT LIKE THAT, BY THE TIME THEY ACTUALLY GET SURGERY, IT HAS BECOME MUCH MORE DIFFICULT, THAN IF THE CARDIOLOGISTS WOULD HAVE SENT THE PATIENT THROUGH TO THE SURGEONS AT AN EARLIER STAGE.

AND THEN, IF THE OPERATION ISN'T THAT SUCCESSFUL...

EVEN MORE CLOGGED THAN BEFORE THE OPERATION (IN THE CASE OF HEART BYPASS SURGERY)

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEM IF YOU HAD SENT HIM THROUGH EARLIER!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE SENT HIM THROUGH TO SURGERY AT ALL.

SURGEONS ALWAYS MESS THINGS UP!!

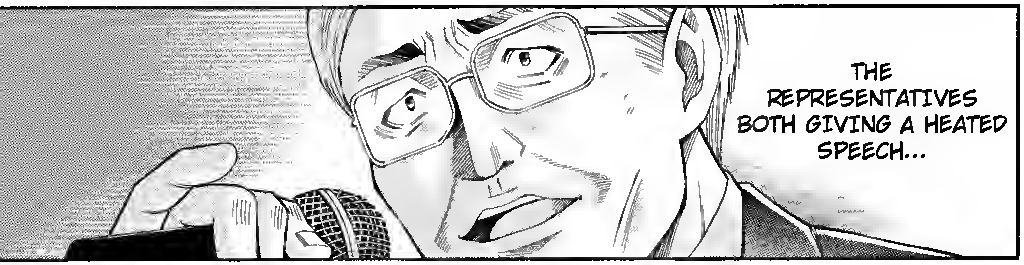
TURN AWAY

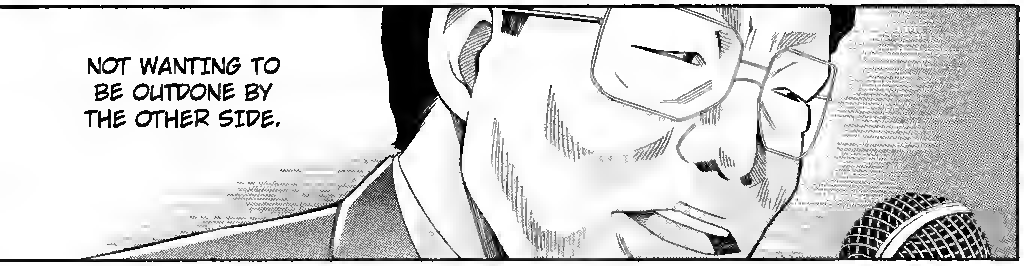
THAT'S BASICALLY HOW IT GOES!!

SURGEONS ALWAYS MESS THINGS UP HUH...

THAT SURE IS AN ICKY SITUATION.

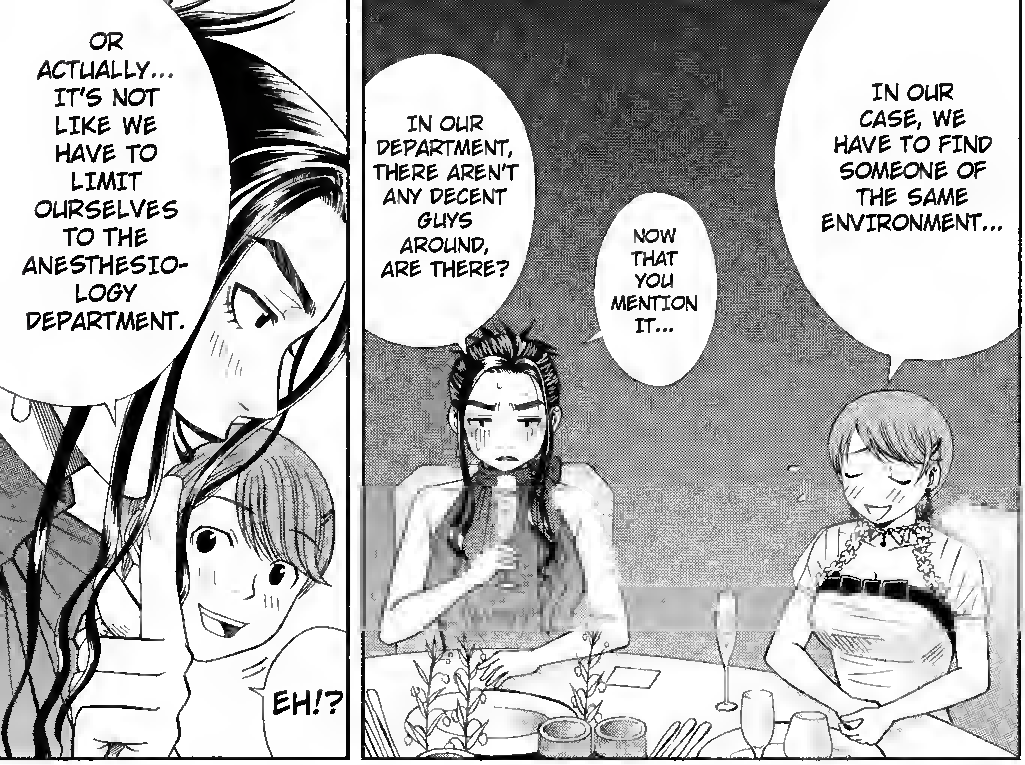
LIKE THAT, THEY FIGHT OVER THE HEART OF A PATIENT,
BLAMING EACH OTHER FOR ALL THE PROBLEMS...

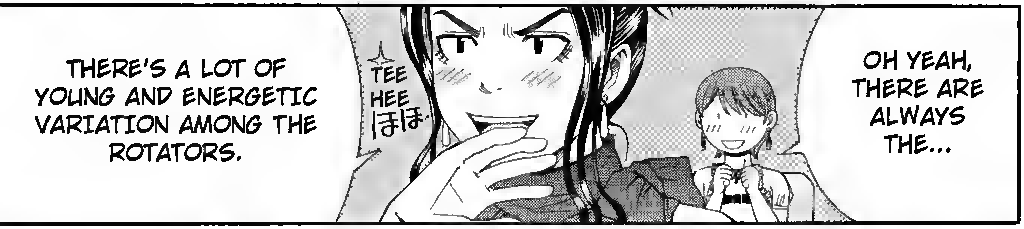

THE REPRESENTATIVES BOTH GIVING A HEATED SPEECH...

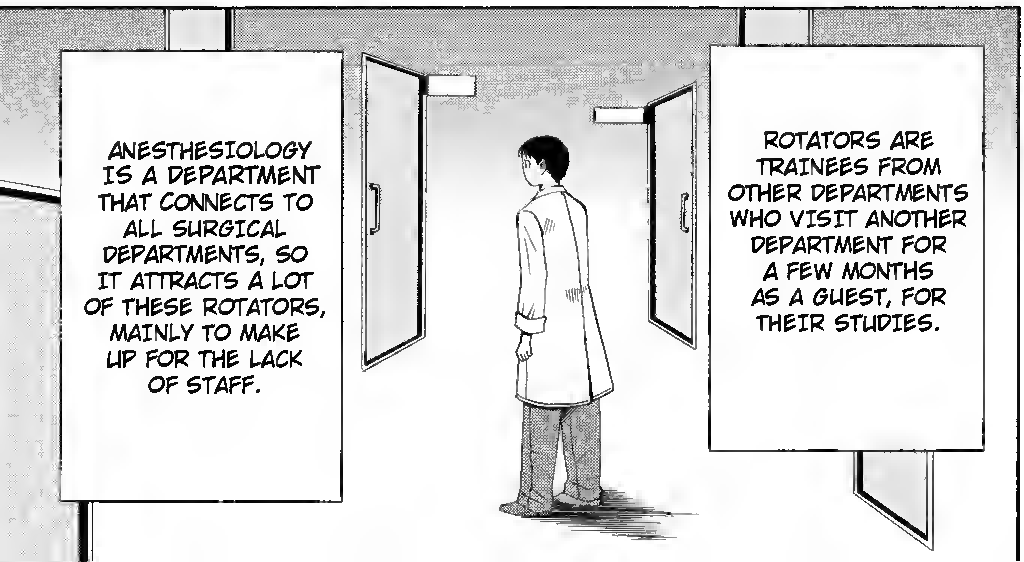

NOT WANTING TO BE OUTDONE BY THE OTHER SIDE.

DO THEY PLAN ON SPEAKING UNTIL THE END OF THE PARTY?
IT'S PRETTY EXTREME ...
THEY SURE TAKE THEIR TIME...

IT'S JUST LIKE ROMEO AND JULIETTE!
BUT, IN CONTRAST TO ALL THAT, ISN'T IT WONDERFUL THAT LOVE WAS BORN BETWEEN THOSE SIDES?
I ALSO WANT TO BE SWEPT AWAY BY SUCH A PURE ROMANCE...
STOP DREAM-ING.
SHAKE
SHAKE
WE ARE BOUND FOREVER TO THE HOSPITAL,
WITHOUT ANY SPACE FOR MEETING NEW PEOPLE.
AND AFTER ALL...
GUYS AREN'T INTERESTED IN WOMEN WHO ARE MORE QUALIFIED THAN THEM.
JUST SAYING YOU'RE A FEMALE DOCTOR ALREADY SCARES THEM AWAY...
LET'S TOAST TO THE SINGLE LIFE!
EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE SO MANY KINDS OF DOCTORS...
CHING

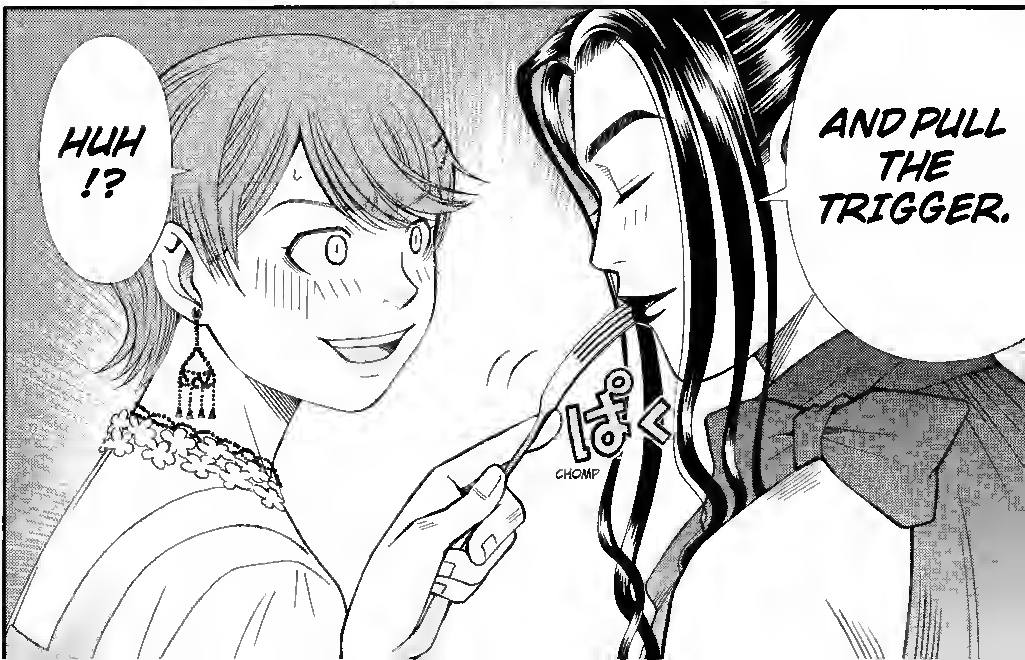

IN OUR CASE, WE HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE OF THE SAME ENVIRONMENT...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
IN OUR DEPARTMENT, THERE AREN'T ANY DECENT GUYS AROUND, ARE THERE?
OR ACTUALLY... IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE TO LIMIT OURSELVES TO THE ANESTHESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT.
EH!?


OH YEAH, THERE ARE ALWAYS THE...
TEE HEE ほほ
THERE'S A LOT OF YOUNG AND ENERGETIC VARIATION AMONG THE ROTATORS.


ROTATORS ARE TRAINEES FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO VISIT ANOTHER DEPARTMENT FOR A FEW MONTHS AS A GUEST, FOR THEIR STUDIES.
ANESTHESIOLOGY IS A DEPARTMENT THAT CONNECTS TO ALL SURGICAL DEPARTMENTS, SO IT ATTRACTS A LOT OF THESE ROTATORS, MAINLY TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF STAFF.

ON THE MENU: NAMES OF MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS. (PARODY ON SUSHI RESTAURANTS)
IF YOU JUST WAIT, A LOT OF YOUNG DOCTORS WILL COME THOUGH.
THEN ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IN THOSE FEW MONTHS, IS TO MAKE A CHOICE, TAKE AIM AT YOUR PREY,

IN FACT, IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR FEMALE ANESTHESIO-LOGISTS TO MARRY ONE OF THESE ROTATORS.
YOU COULD SEE THIS ROTATION SYSTEM AS A KIND OF MATCHMAKING SYSTEM...


HUH !?
AND PULL THE TRIGGER.
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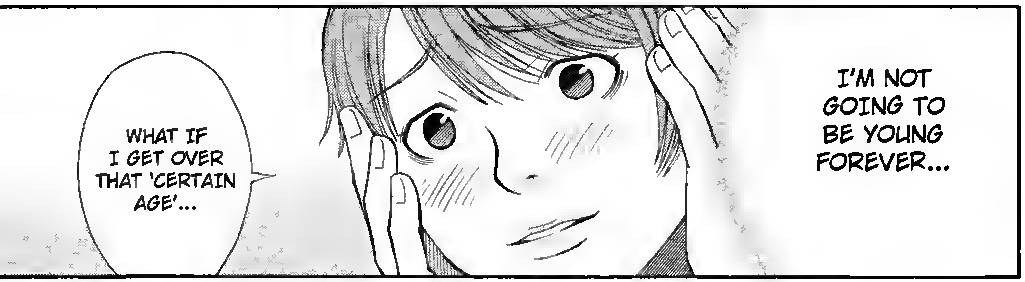
CHOMP

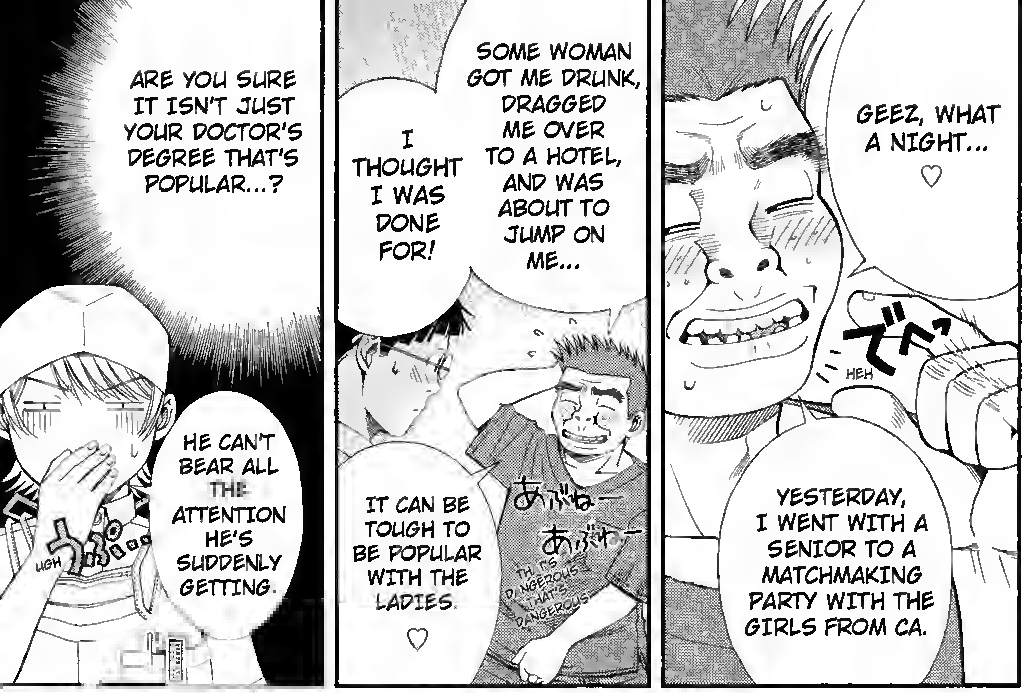
IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP, AND YOU GET PAST A CERTAIN AGE,
EVEN YOU WILL END UP LIKE THOSE FOREVER SINGLE FEMALE DOCTORS OVER THERE, HANA.
1/3 OF FEMALE DOCTORS NEVER GET MARRIED, AFTER ALL.
WHISPER
UH...
UP UNTIL NOW, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO BUSY THAT I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT!


I'M NOT GOING TO BE YOUNG FOREVER...
WHAT IF I GET OVER THAT 'CERTAIN AGE'...

ALL RIGHT!!
CLENCH

HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN WORKING ALL THIS TIME...
WITHOUT CARING FOR MY SEX APPEAL, AND MY HAIR ALWAYS IN A MESS...

FEMALE DOCTORS ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO LOVE!!
TAKE AIM...
AND PULL THE TRIGGER.
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
?
HANA?
カラララ..
SLIDE
AH!
IT'S LIKE I'M LOOKING AT THE WHOLE THING FOR THE FIRST TIME AGAIN...
THAT MUST BE...
UMM...
ROTATOR
ROTATOR
HEHE ...
THERE'S ACTUALLY QUITE A BUNCH OF YOUNG DOCTORS HERE AT ANESTHESIOLOGY.
ROTATOR


GEEZ, WHAT A NIGHT... ♡
HEH
YESTERDAY, I WENT WITH A SENIOR TO A MATCHMAKING PARTY WITH THE GIRLS FROM CA.
SOME WOMAN GOT ME DRUNK, DRAGGED ME OVER TO A HOTEL, AND WAS ABOUT TO JUMP ON ME...
I THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR!
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IT CAN BE TOUGH TO BE POPULAR WITH THE LADIES. ♡
ARE YOU SURE IT ISN'T JUST YOUR DOCTOR'S DEGREE THAT'S POPULAR...?
UGH
HE CAN'T BEAR ALL THE ATTENTION HE'S SUDDENLY GETTING.

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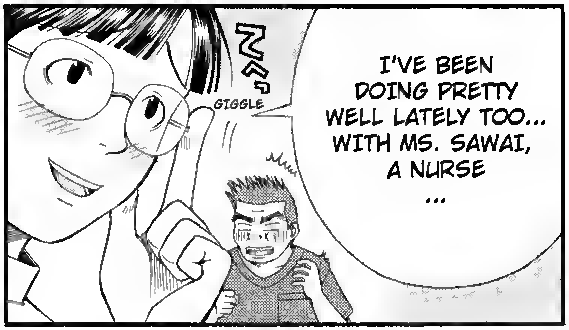
PUFF PUFF
スパ
WHAT A FOOL.
I NEED TO GET MARRIED TO SOME DOCTOR QUICK,
SMOKE
SO I CAN QUIT THIS STUPID JOB!!
OH, THAT GUY?
GUYS LIKE THAT NAIVE KID ARE SO EASILY DECEIVED...
WHITE ANGELS HUH...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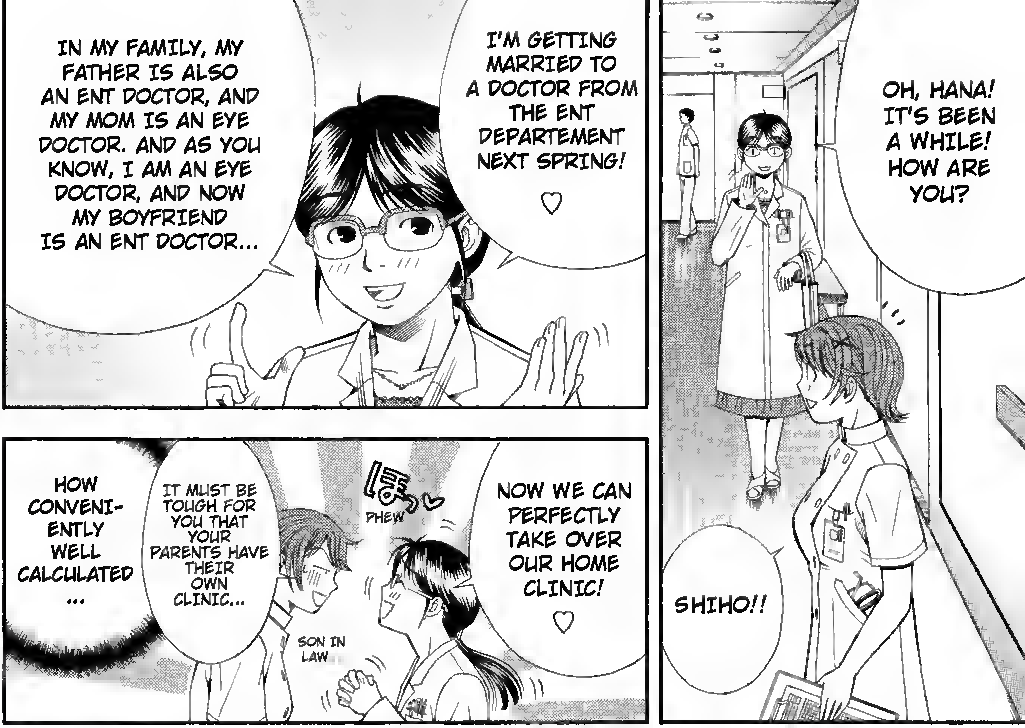
GIGGLE
I'VE BEEN DOING PRETTY WELL LATELY TOO... WITH MS. SAWAI, A NURSE ...

OH, DOCTOR...
SHE'S SO SWEET AND PURE...
SHE'S LIKE A WHITE ANGEL! ♡
AND SHE'S SO DEVOTED TO HER JOB AS A NURSE... I WOULDN'T MIND MARRYING A GIRL LIKE HER! ♡


IN MY FAMILY, MY FATHER IS ALSO AN ENT DOCTOR, AND MY MOM IS AN EYE DOCTOR. AND AS YOU KNOW, I AM AN EYE DOCTOR, AND NOW MY BOYFRIEND IS AN ENT DOCTOR...
I'M GETTING MARRIED TO A DOCTOR FROM THE ENT DEPARTEMENT NEXT SPRING!
OH, HANA! IT'S BEEN A WHILE! HOW ARE YOU?
SHIHO!!
HOW CONVENIENTLY WELL CALCULATED ...
IT MUST BE TOUGH FOR YOU THAT YOUR PARENTS HAVE THEIR OWN CLINIC...
PHEW
SON IN LAW
NOW WE CAN PERFECTLY TAKE OVER OUR HOME CLINIC!

WHEN IT COMES TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARMENT, SEEMS LIKE ALL RELATIONSHIPS ARE LIKE SOME AMERICAN SOAP OPERA!!
CHATTER
CHATTER
AND IT SEEMS DOCTOR TAJIMA AND DOCTOR CHII BROKE UP,
IN DOCTOR SUDO'S CASE, SHE ALREADY LOVED THE PROFESSOR SINCE HER SCHOOL DAYS, SO THEY...
AND I HEARD DOCTOR SEO AND DOCTOR SONE ARE ALSO GETTING ALONG REALLY FINE...
BUT NOW SHE GOT TOGETHER WITH DOCTOR TSUDA...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE...
CLICK

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THE MEDICATION FOR THIS PATIENT?
にっこり
SMILE
THIS HOSPITAL IS DEFILED...
DOCTOR HANA-OKA?
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DISAPPOINTED
IT'S DOCTOR TERAGAKI, A TRAINEE SURGEON WHO'S DOING HIS FIRST YEAR.
HMM... 0.5 OF ATROPINE SULFACE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.
OKAY!! GOT IT!!
AN I M SHOT.

HE CAME TO TOKYO AFTER GRADUATING FROM A LOCAL MEDICAL SCHOOL. HE STILL HASN'T LOST HIS PURITY.
AND HE LOOKS GENTLE AND MODEST...
AND AS SURGEONS TEND TO BE, HE'S KIND OF ATH-LETIC-MINDED.
A REAL FRESH YOUTH.
♡
HE WEARS HIS OUTFIT NICELY AS WELL.
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J-JUST MAYBE...

HE'S THE ONE FOR ME...!?
彼が私の運命の人
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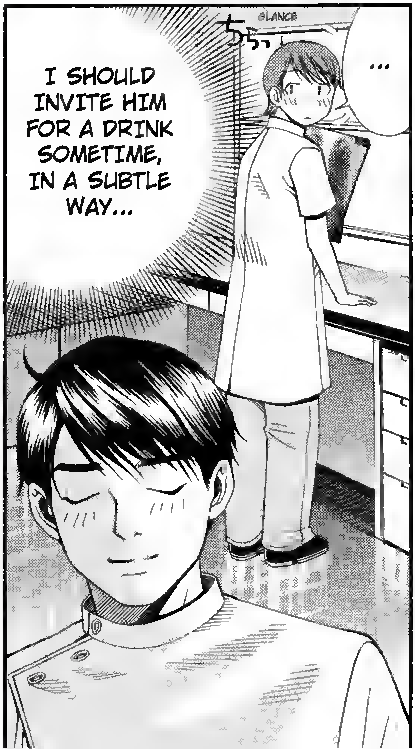
WHAA!!
♡


GLANCE
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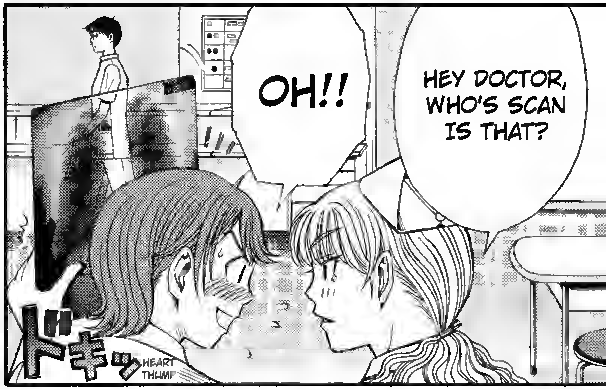
...
I SHOULD INVITE HIM FOR A DRINK SOMETIME, IN A SUBTLE WAY...


OH!!
HEY DOCTOR, WHO'S SCAN IS THAT?
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HEART THUMP

UMM...
A- A CTR OF 38%!? THAT'S FINE.
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
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ドキドキドキ
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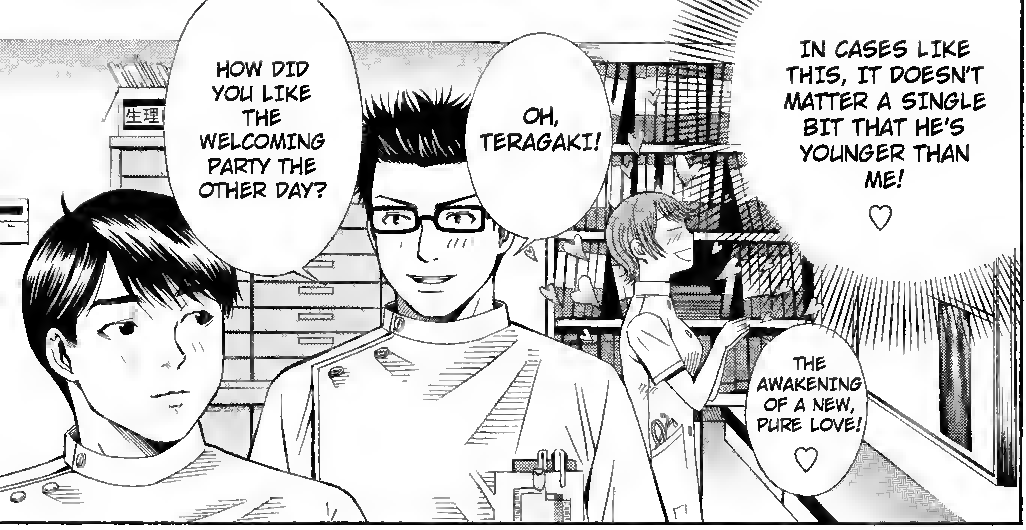
HOW DID YOU LIKE THE WELCOMING PARTY THE OTHER DAY?
OH, TERAGAKI!
IN CASES LIKE THIS, IT DOESN'T MATTER A SINGLE BIT THAT HE'S YOUNGER THAN ME!
♡
THE AWAKENING OF A NEW, PURE LOVE!
♡

A WELCOMING PARTY FOR THE ROOKIES AT THE SURGICAL DEPARTMENT?
WELCO-MING PARTY?
YES!
DID YOU ENJOY IT?

BUT DOCTOR,
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD EVER BEEN TO A PLACE LIKE THAT!
WHAT ...!
TOP CLASS PROSTI-TUTES!?
TOP CLASS SURGEONS SHOULD GET EVERYTHING TOP CLASS!
GOT THAT ?
HAHA, I THOUGHT YOU WOULD! TOP CLASS PROSTITUTES ARE THE BEST, AREN'T THEY!?
YES!!

THE LADY SHOWED ME A PRETTY NICE TIME!
HEH HEH...
IT WAS TRULY WONDER-FUL! ♡
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HE HE HE
D-
DOCTOR TERA-GAKI...?
N-
NO...
嫌あああ
NOOOOOOO!!
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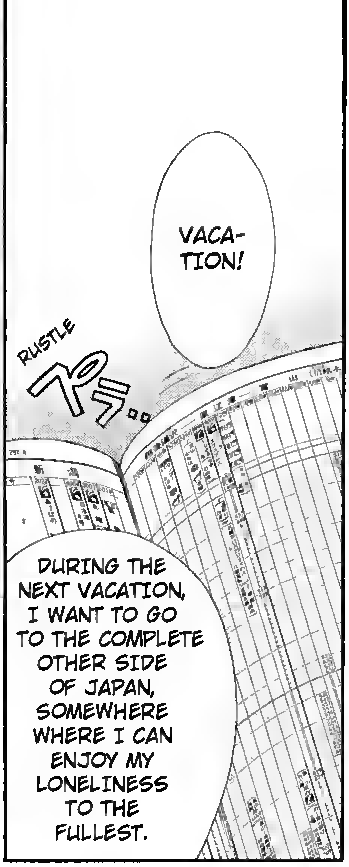
医療センター

NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT!!
I JUST SIMPLY LOVE TRAINS!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? DID SOMEONE BREAK YOUR HEART?
MUNCH MUNCH


VACA-TION!
RUSTLE
DURING THE NEXT VACATION, I WANT TO GO TO THE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE OF JAPAN, SOMEWHERE WHERE I CAN ENJOY MY LONELINESS TO THE FULLEST.

OH.. RIGHT...
TALKING ABOUT TRAINS,
YOU KNOW DOCTOR ENODA FROM MAIN HOSPITAL, WHO MARRIED RECENTLY...?
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HMMM?
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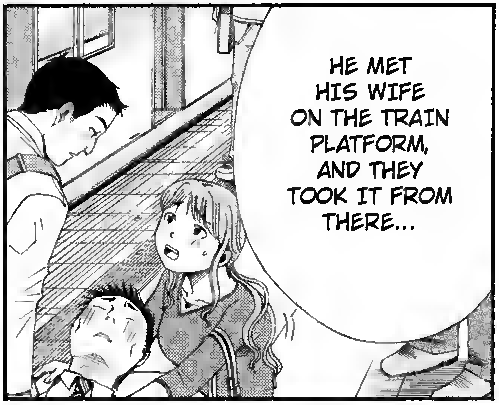
RAILWAY TIME TABLES
6
ON THE TRAIN EH...


HE MET HIS WIFE ON THE TRAIN PLATFORM, AND THEY TOOK IT FROM THERE...

YEAH YEAH...
GROAN
U SEE YA
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN LOVE WILL HAPPEN TO YOU!

WELL...
I STARTED COMING TO WORK BY TRAIN INSTEAD OF BY CAR, JUST TO TRY IT OUT...
I'M MEETING MANY OF THEM...
FLINCH
SO...?
HUH
YOU MET A NICE GUY?
WHEN I CAME BY TRAIN TODAY, I ONLY HAD TO DEAL WITH TRAIN PERVERTS... TWO AT THE SAME TIME! TOUCHING ME FROM THE FRONT AND FROM THE BACK!
THOSE GUYS MUST WORK IN TEAMS!!
OH MAN...
FWIP
AH...
SPRING IS STILL FAR AWAY...
END OF CHAPTER 7

ASANOME, HOW MANY AMPULES OF FENTANYL SHOULD I TAKE OUT?
HMM... THREE WOULD BE GOOD, FOR THE MOMENT BEING.

OH NO...
I DID SOMETHING STUPID AGAIN!
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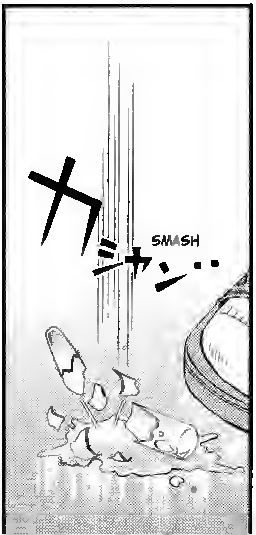
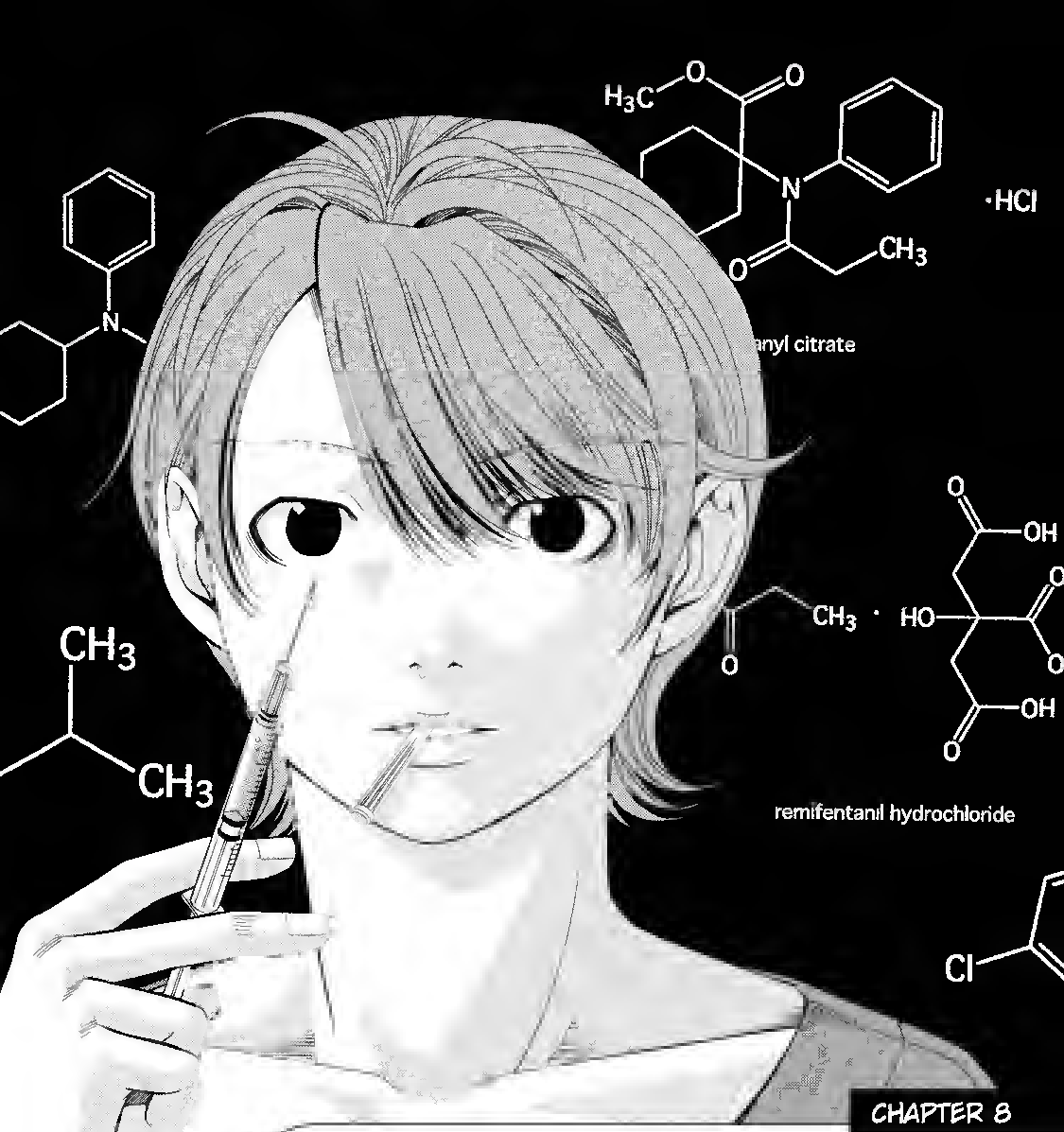
IF WE USE THREE AMPULES, WE SHOULD GO FOR 10CC SYRINGES, RIGHT?
OOPS...
SLIP


SMASH

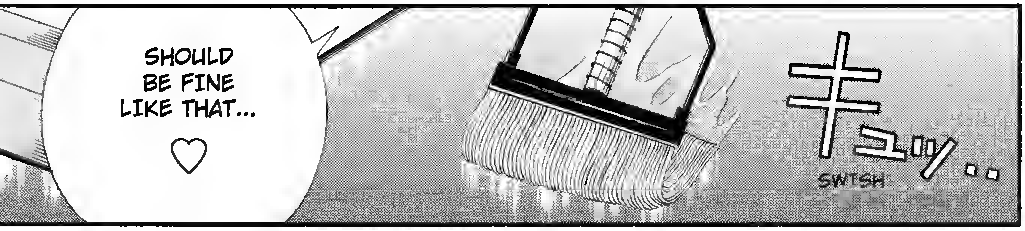
OH!!



CHAPTER 8

ANESTHESIOLOGISTS AND DRUGS

I'M SO CLUMSY...
AMPULES SHOULD ALL JUST BE MADE FROM PLASTIC...
AND OF COURSE, IT'S JUST THIS ROOM WHERE THE FLOOR IS SO HARD...
FWOOSH
DOCTOR!! IT'S DANGEROUS TO BE PICKING GLASS UP WITH YOUR HANDS LIKE THAT! SHOULD I BRING YOU A MOP AND WATER?
OH... THANK YOU!
THAT'S REALLY CONSIDERATE OF YOU, CHIE!


SHOULD BE FINE LIKE THAT...
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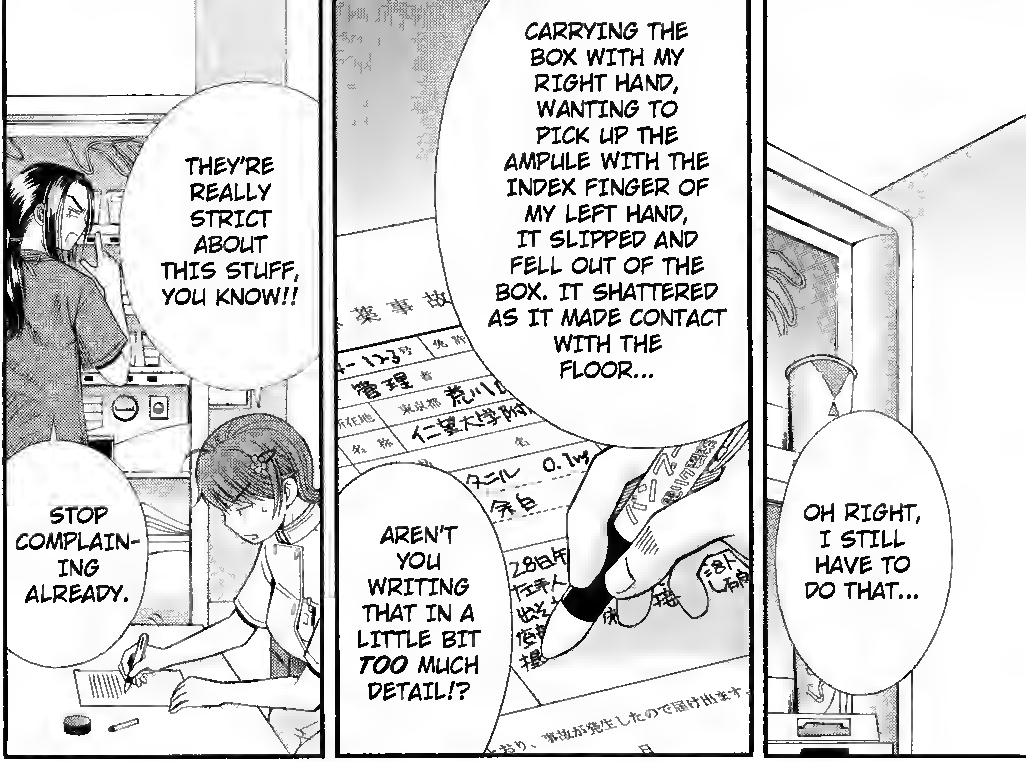
SWISH

PHEW... OH MAN...
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU JUST DID!?
YOU IDIOT!!

HUH?


THEY'RE REALLY STRICT ABOUT THIS STUFF, YOU KNOW!!
STOP COMPLAINING ALREADY.
CARRYING THE BOX WITH MY RIGHT HAND, WANTING TO PICK UP THE AMPULE WITH THE INDEX FINGER OF MY LEFT HAND, IT SLIPPED AND FELL OUT OF THE BOX. IT SHATTERED AS IT MADE CONTACT WITH THE FLOOR...
AREN'T YOU WRITING THAT IN A LITTLE BIT TOO MUCH DETAIL!?
OH RIGHT, I STILL HAVE TO DO THAT...

ISN'T THAT THE MOST LOGICAL REACTION!?
カチッ
CLICK
BUT, I JUST DROPPED AN AMPULE, IT SHATTERED, AND I CLEANED IT UP PROPERLY WITH A MOP!!

WHY DO I HAVE TO HAND IN THIS STUPID LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE...
BUT STILL...
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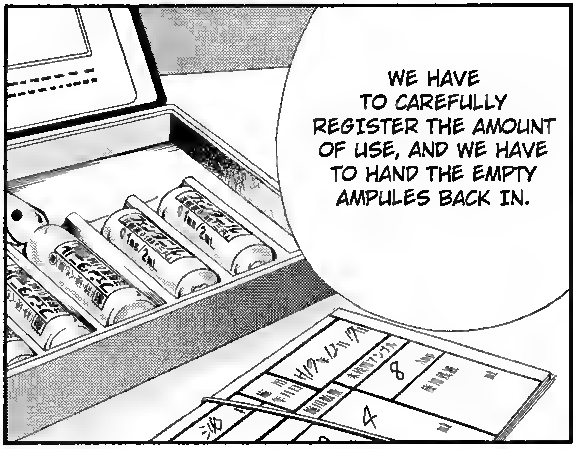
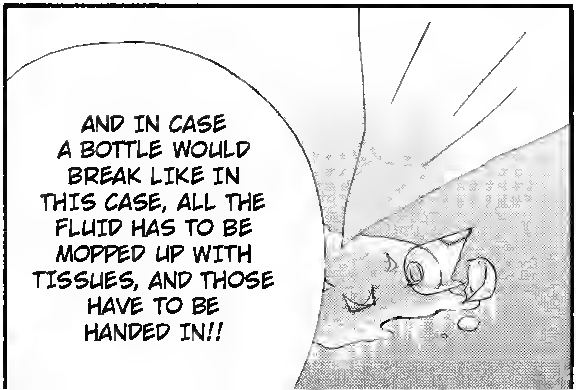
WHINE
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

IS A REALLY NOTORIOUS DRUG!!
FENTANYL, AFTER ALL...

AFTER TWO YEARS OF DOING ANESTHETICS, DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT!?
IT'S COMMON SENSE!
NOBODY EVER TOLD ME...
BUT...
COME ON, LET'S LEAVE THE PREACHING AT THAT...


WE HAVE TO CAREFULLY REGISTER THE AMOUNT OF USE, AND WE HAVE TO HAND THE EMPTY AMPULES BACK IN.


AND IN CASE A BOTTLE WOULD BREAK LIKE IN THIS CASE, ALL THE FLUID HAS TO BE MOPPED UP WITH TISSUES, AND THOSE HAVE TO BE HANDED IN!!

IT'S TRUE THAT WE STILL HAVEN'T TOLD HANAOKA IN DETAIL ABOUT THE DRUG CONSIDERATIONS.
NO SMO-KING
THAT'S TRUE...
GETTING USED TO AN ENVIROMENT WHERE DRUGS ARE COMMON,
MEANS THEY CAN EASILY BE HANDLED TOO CARELESSLY.

IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY...
QUICK
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THIS IS ABOUT THE HANDLING OF DRUGS...
YOU SHOULD ALWAYS LOOK OUT FOR THIS...!!
PUSH
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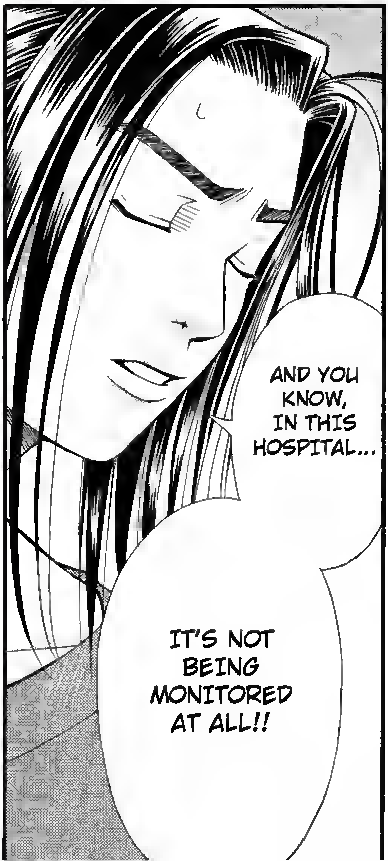
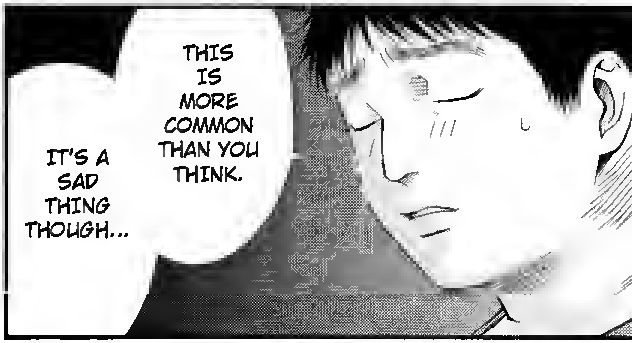
CHECKLIST TO BE USED IN HOSPITALS

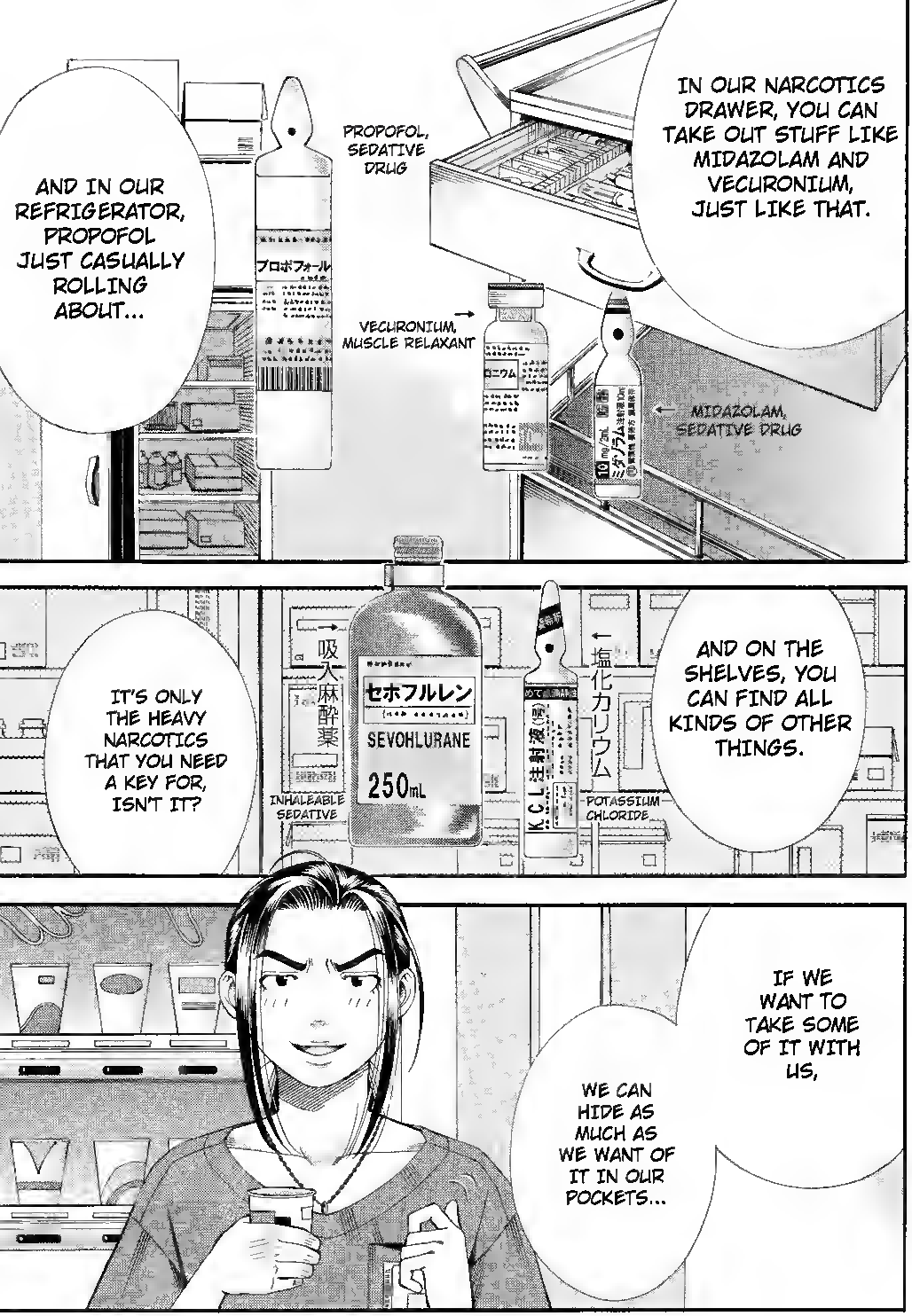
1	INCREASING PRESCRIPTIONS OF NARCOTICS.
2	SHOWING SUDDEN CHARACTER CHANGES, GETTING ANGRY OR EXCITED QUICKER THAN NORMALLY, OR SHOWING OTHER BEHAVIORAL CHANGES LIKE THAT.
3	FILLING IN THE MEDICAL RECORD IN A SLOPPY WAY.
4	PRESCRIBING AMOUNTS OF NARCOTICS DISPROPORTIONAL TO THE AMOUNT USED DURING OPERATIONS.
5	OFTEN REFUSING INVITATIONS FOR MEALS OR BREAKS.
6	SHOWING A PREFERENCE TO APPLY ANESTHESIA ON HIS OWN.
7	PROGRESS TO ACCEPT EVEN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH USE LARGE AMOUNT OF DRUGS SUCH AS HEART SURGERY.
8	TRYING TO SUBSTITUTE FOR SOMEONE WHO STARTED DOING ANESTHESIA.
9	STAYING AT THE HOSPITAL UNTIL LATE, EVEN LONG AFTER WORK IS FINISHED.
10	VOLUNTEERING TO DO MORE WORK OUTSIDE OF NORMAL DUTIES.
11	BEING DIFFICULT TO FIND OR CONTACT IN BETWEEN OPERATIONS.
12	INSISTING ON APPLYING THE NARCOTICS IN THE RECOVERY ROOM AS WELL.
13	HAVING TO USE THE TOILET VERY OFTEN.
14	WEARING LONG SLEEVES WHEN NOT REALLY NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO HIDE ANY SCARS FROM INJECTIONS ON THE ARMS.
15	HAVING VERY SMALL PUPILS A LOT OF THE TIME.
16	SHOWING A DISPROPORTION IN THE USE OF NARCOTICS IN PATIENTS STAYING IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, AND MAKING A CASE FOR POSTOPERATIVE PAINS.
17	SUDDENLY LOSING WEIGHT, OR HAVING AN UNUSUALLY PALE SKIN.
18	BEING FOUND INJECTING HIMWHERSELF.

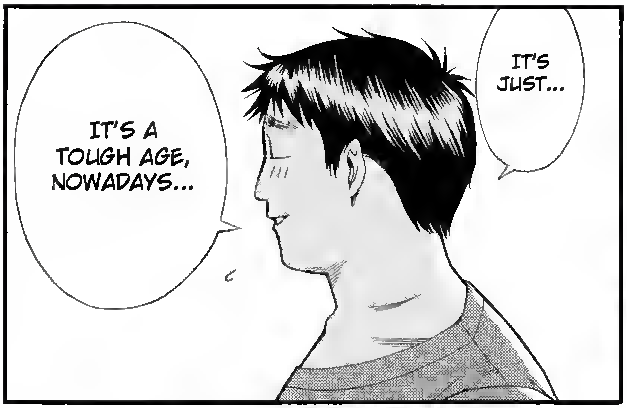
IT'S A POSTER TO PREVENT ILLIGIT USE OF DRUGS...
WITH A CONVENIENT CHECKLIST!
WHY IS THIS THING NECESSARY IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!?


AND YOU KNOW, IN THIS HOSPITAL...
IT'S NOT BEING MONITORED AT ALL!!

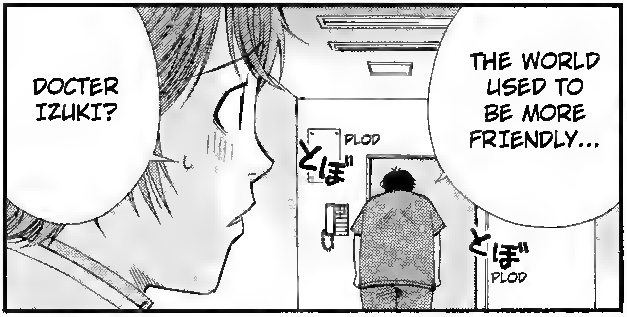

THIS IS MORE COMMON THAN YOU THINK.
IT'S A SAD THING THOUGH...

WE ARE CLOSER TO NARCOTICS THAN ANYONE ELSE IN SOCIETY.
IT'S EASY FOR US TO GET OUR HANDS ON THEM.


AND IN OUR REFRIGERATOR, PROPOFOL JUST CASUALLY ROLLING ABOUT...
PROPOFOL, SEDATIVE DRUG
IN OUR NARCOTICS DRAWER, YOU CAN TAKE OUT STUFF LIKE MIDAZOLAM AND VECURONIUM, JUST LIKE THAT.
VECURONIUM, MUSCLE RELAXANT
MIDAZOLAM, SEDATIVE DRUG
IT'S ONLY THE HEAVY NARCOTICS THAT YOU NEED A KEY FOR, ISN'T IT?
INHALEABLE SEDATIVE
SEVOHLURANE
250mL
POTASSIUM CHLORIDE
AND ON THE SHELVES, YOU CAN FIND ALL KINDS OF OTHER THINGS.
IF WE WANT TO TAKE SOME OF IT WITH US,
WE CAN HIDE AS MUCH AS WE WANT OF IT IN OUR POCKETS...


IT'S JUST...
IT'S A TOUGH AGE, NOWADAYS...

I'LL HAVE TO TALK WITH A PROFESSOR OR THE CHIEF NURSE ABOUT IT SOME TIME...
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU GIRLS OR ANYTHING,


DOCTER IZUKI?
PLOD
THE WORLD USED TO BE MORE FRIENDLY...
PLOD

WOULD YOU REALLY FIND THAT OUT WITH THIS CHECK LIST?

...
ILLICIT USE OF NARCOTICS HUH...

HANAOKA! WHAT'S UP!
WHAT IS THIS!? DOES SOMEONE LIKE THAT REALLY EXIST!?
あはは
HA HA HA
ALWAYS WEARING LONG SLEEVES...
OR WAIT...
BEING DIFFICULT TO FIND OR CONTACT IN BETWEEN OPERATIONS...
LOSING A LOT OF WEIGHT, HAVING PALE SKIN...
HUH !?
OH, DOCTOR KOBAYA-KAWA!!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IS THIS FOR REAL...
HUH...?
TWENTY CENTS...?
HE MUST BE...!!
LONG SLEEVES
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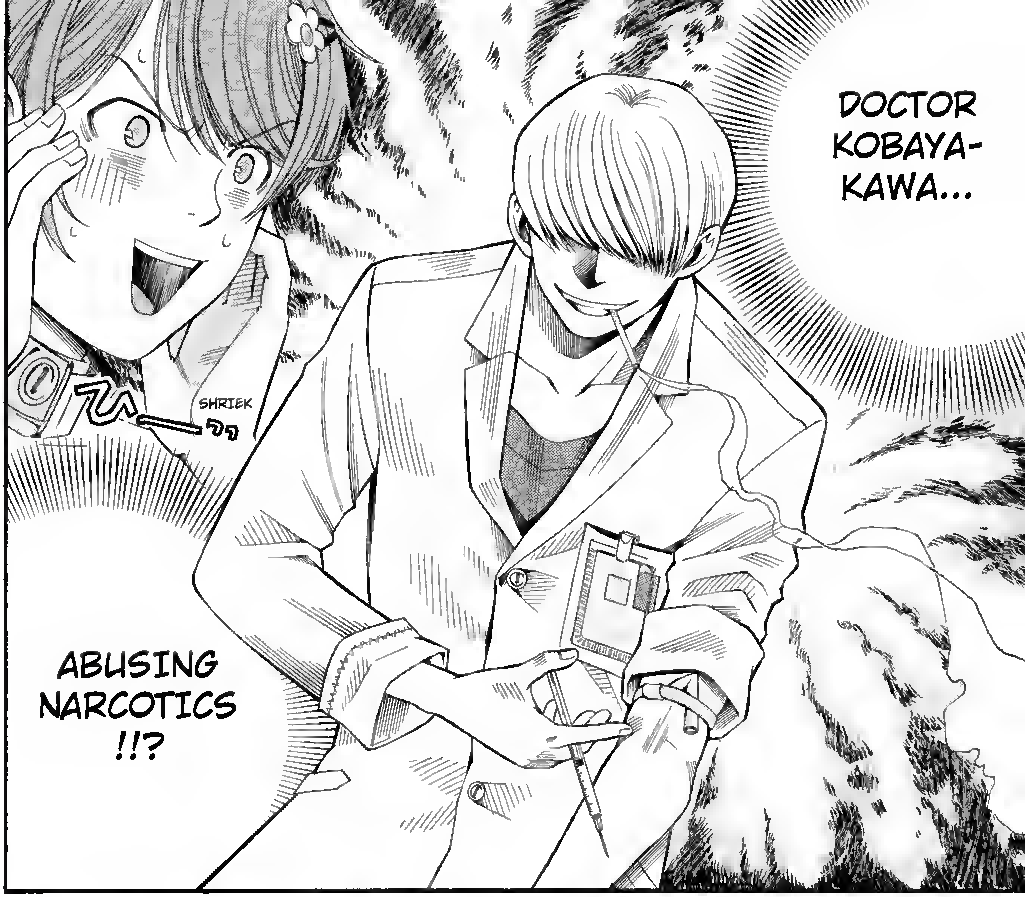
CAN I BORROW 20 CENTS FOR COFFEE?
I RAN OUT OF COINS.
← RANDOMLY DISAPPEARING VERY OFTEN.
← THIN AND PALE SKIN


DOCTOR KOBAYA-KAWA...
SHRIEK
ABUSING NARCOTICS !!?

HERE YOU GO...
THANKS.
TREMBLE TREMBLE
AND WASN'T HE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT YEARS AGO...
WANTING TO FORGET ABOUT HIS SAD PAST, HE STARTED USING DRUGS...
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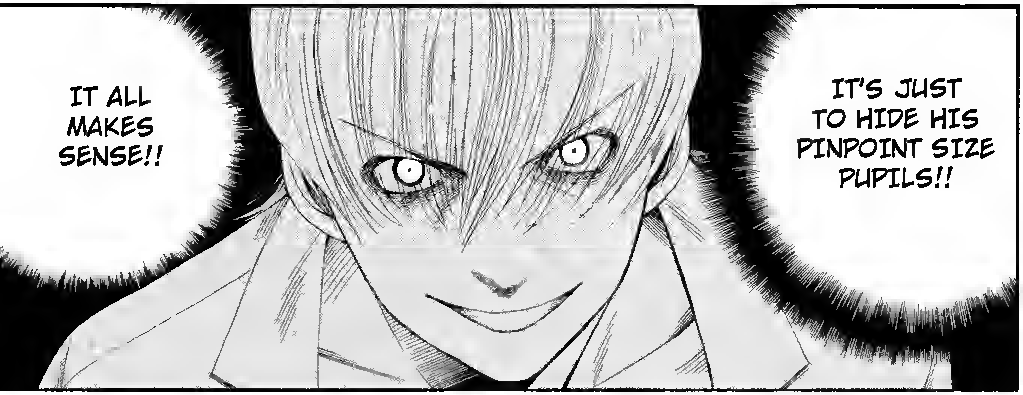
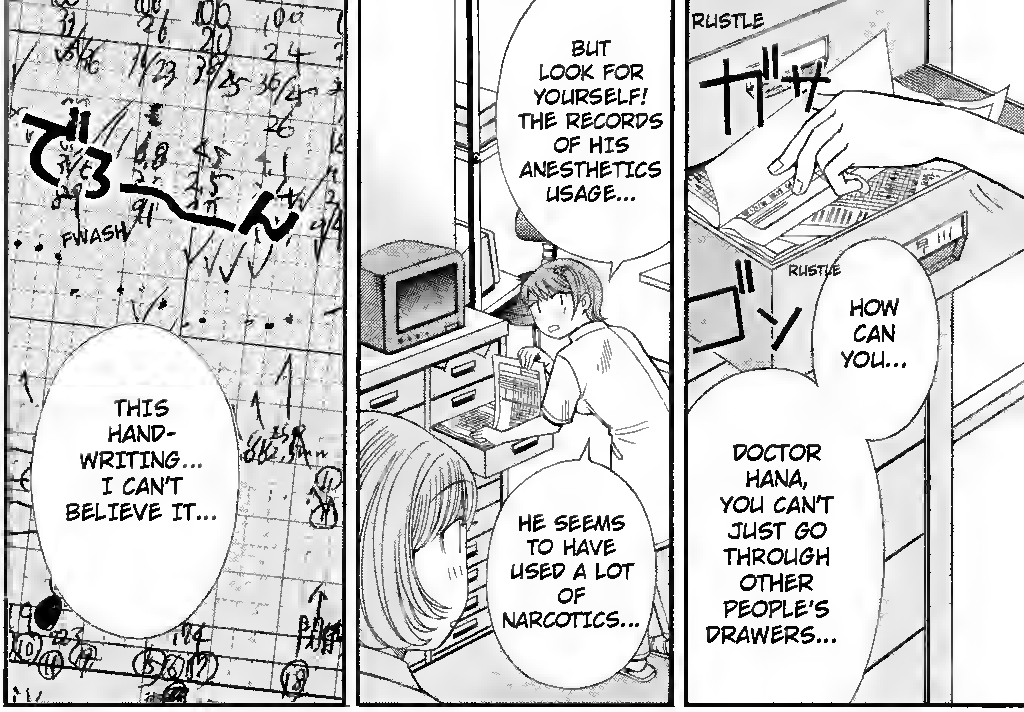
CHING

THANKS FOR THE TREAT! ♡
STARE
I CAN'T SEE THEM...
SO THAT'S WHY HE HAS THAT WEIRD HAIRSTYLE...
HAVING SMALL PUPILS A LOT OF THE TIME...
HIS EYES!!
DID HE JUST START WORKING HERE AGAIN JUST TO GET HIS HANDS ON DRUGS?
MEDICAL CENTER


IT ALL MAKES SENSE!!
IT'S JUST TO HIDE HIS PINPOINT SIZE PUPILS!!

EXTRA SUGAR!!
PEEP PEEP
THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT, THE MORE SUSPICIOUS HE SEEMS!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...!!
UMM...


THIS HAND-WRITING... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
HE SEEMS TO HAVE USED A LOT OF NARCOTICS...
BUT LOOK FOR YOURSELF! THE RECORDS OF HIS ANESTHETICS USAGE...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HOW CAN YOU...
DOCTOR HANA, YOU CAN'T JUST GO THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE'S DRAWERS...

HOW DOES THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH DRUG ABUSE?
AND ISN'T HIS SLOPPY WAY OF WRITING JUST A PART OF HIS PERSONALITY?
...IT'S NOT STRANGE TO USE A LOT OF NARCOTICS DURING HEART OPERATIONS...

AND HIS HAND WRITING MIGHT HAVE BECOME MESSY BECAUSE THE DRUGS ARE AFFECTING HIS BRAIN, OR SOMETHING...
I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY...
BUT MAYBE HE'S JUST WRITING DOWN ALL THESE NARCOTICS FOR HIS PATIENTS, WHILE HE'S ACTUALLY TAKING THEM FOR HIMSELF...

BUT THEN AGAIN... HE DOES ALWAYS STICK AROUND THE HOSPITAL FOR A VERY LONG TIME, AFTER HIS HOURS...
THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING UP!!
AREN'T YOU JUST OVERTHINKING THINGS?
HMM... I WONDER...
...
MAYBE HE'S JUST WRITING AN ESSAY OR SOMETHING?
IT'S JUST ALL TOO SUSPI-CIOUS...
I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT ASK HIM IN PERSON!
SLIDE
ガラッ
DOCTOR KOBAYA-KAWA!!
PANT
PANT
HUH !?
ITSUKI, I'M SORRY, BUT GO AHEAD WITHOUT ME!
BECAUSE OF THAT DAMN POSTER...
DAMN IT...!!
I JUST CAN'T LET THIS REST!!

DOC-
TOR
...
HOW
CAN
YOU...
DID I JUST ALL OF A SUDDEN CATCH HIM RED-HANDED!?
SURPRISE
...HANA-
OKA?

I HAVE TO STOP HIM!!
DON'T DO IT!!

D-
DON'T YOU FEEL ANY SHAME, AS AN ANESTHESIO-LOGIST!!
DOCTOR KOBAYA-KAWA...
PANT
PANT
USING THIS STUFF ON YOURSELF...
HANA-OKA...?
SNATCH
!!
I... I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE THINGS YOU HAD TO FACE IN THE PAST!
BUT RUNNING AWAY FROM YOUR ISSUES BY USING DRUGS...
THAT'S THE WORST THING YOU CAN DO!!
HUH?

I KNOW IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT PLEASE, IN THE DARKNESS OF YOUR HEART... LET ME, HANAOKA, BE YOUR SHINING LIGHT!!
SO I BEG YOU, COULD YOU PLEASE STOP...
UMM...
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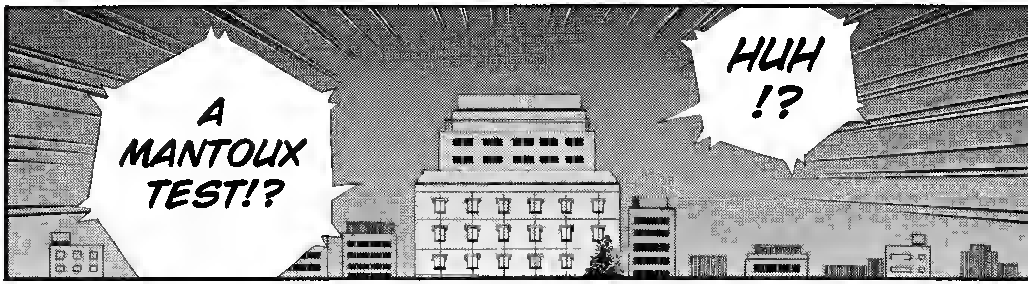

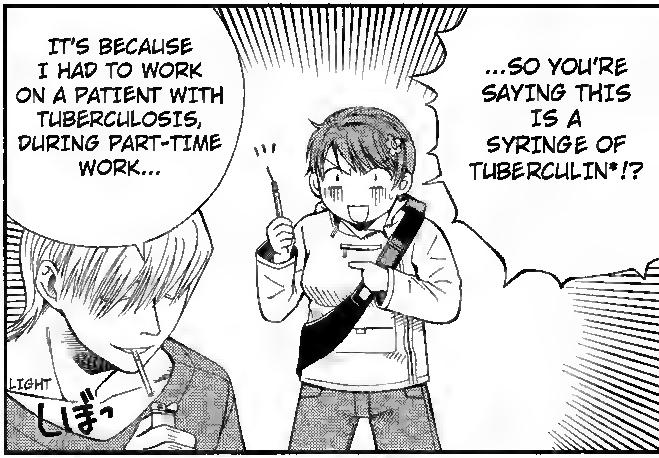
IT'S BECAUSE I HAD TO WORK ON A PATIENT WITH TUBERCULOSIS, DURING PART-TIME WORK...
...SO YOU'RE SAYING THIS IS A SYRINGE OF TUBERCULIN*!?
LIGHT
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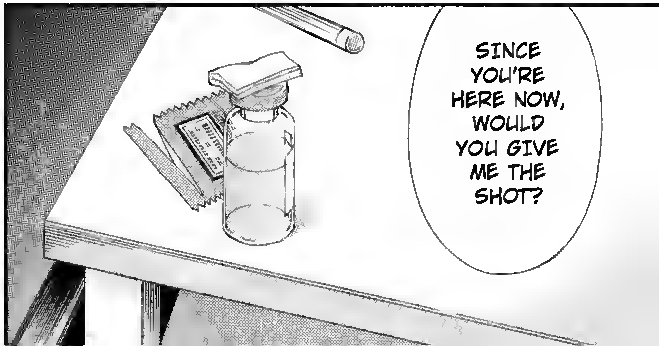
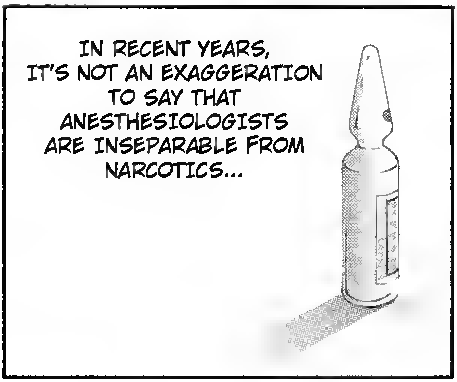
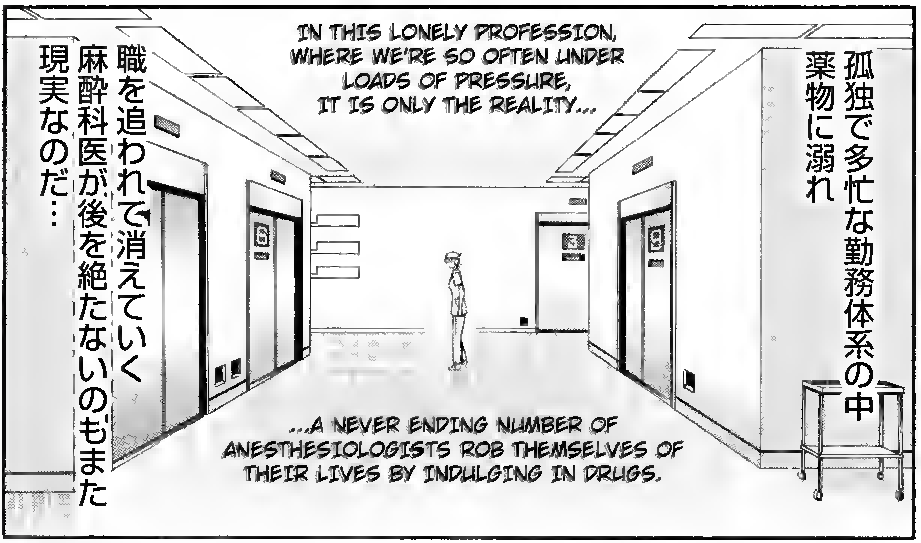
*DIAGNOSTIC TOOL FOR TUBERCULOSIS



THERE'S NO WAY THAT SOMEONE IS USING DRUGS ON HIMSELF IN OUR DEPARTMENT...
I'M SUCH A FOOL...
WOW...
I FEEL SO STUPID...
THAT'S NOT TRUE...
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN JUST SAY THAT SO EASILY.
IT'S NOT THAT RARE OF A CASE FOR AN ANESTHESIO-LOGIST TO RESORT TO DRUGS.
WE HAVE MORE SUICIDES THAN ANY OTHER DEPART-MENT...
IN FACT, I'VE HAD A FEW COLLEAGUES LIKE THAT BEFORE...
BUT I NEVER REACHED OUT TO THEM...
BUT YOU, HANAOKA...




孤独で多忙な勤務体系の中
薬物に溺れ
職を追われて消えていく
麻酔科医が後を絶たないのもまた
現実なのだ…
IN THIS LONELY PROFESSION, WHERE WE'RE SO OFTEN UNDER LOADS OF PRESSURE, IT IS ONLY THE REALITY...
...A NEVER ENDING NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS ROB THEMSELVES OF THEIR LIVES BY INDULGING IN DRUGS.

END OF CHAPTER 8

DOCTOR!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!
CHAPTER 9
SPIRIT OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

OH!!
SMILE
にこ,
DON'T MENTION I-

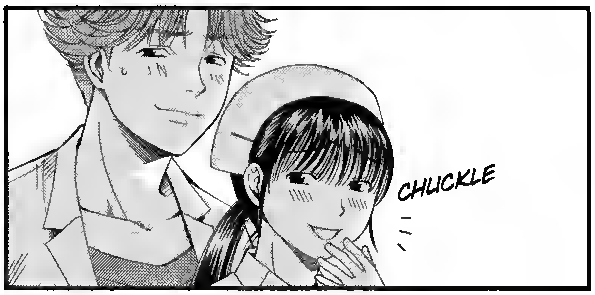
CHAPTER 9

SPIRIT OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

SILENCE
...
OH...

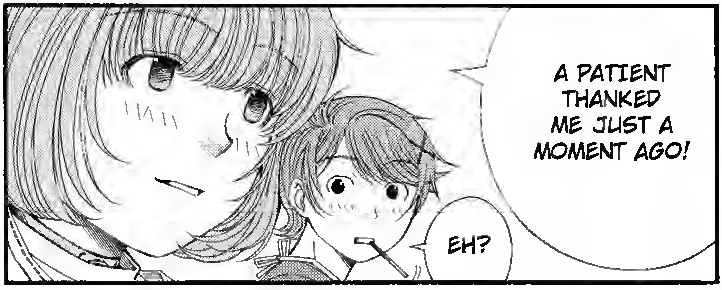
WHAA!! THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING!!
EXCUSE ME!
I HAVE TO GO!!
だだだだだだだだ
RUNNING AWAY

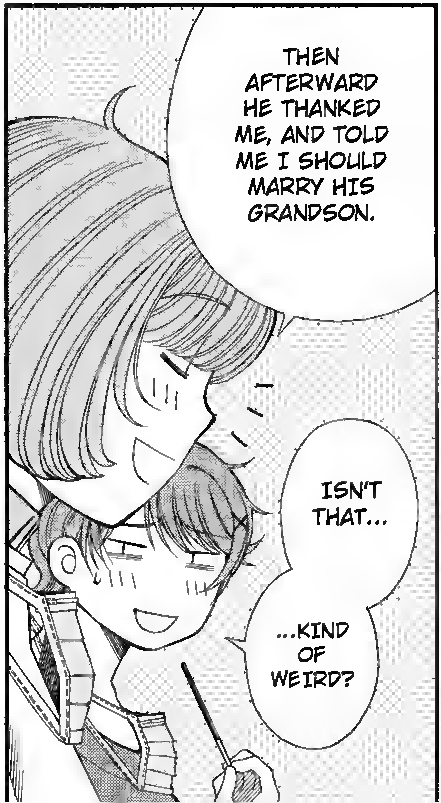
H-HUH?
THEY WEREN'T TALKING TO ME!?
かあっ
BLUSH


CHUCKLE

THEY THINK WE'RE ONLY THERE TO PUT THEM TO SLEEP, AND WAKE THEM UP...
ANESTHESIO-LOGISTS AREN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF AS REAL DOCTORS ANYWAY...
THAT'S NOT TRUE...

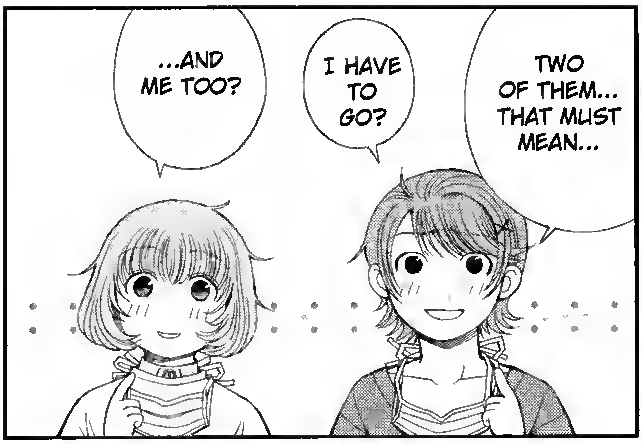
RUSTLE
OH MAN...
THAT WAS SO EMBAR-RASSING.
Glico
POCKY


A PATIENT THANKED ME JUST A MOMENT AGO!
EH?

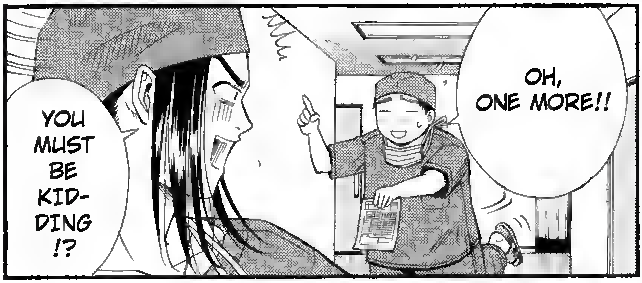

THEN AFTERWARD HE THANKED ME, AND TOLD ME I SHOULD MARRY HIS GRANDSON.
ISN'T THAT...
...KIND OF WEIRD?

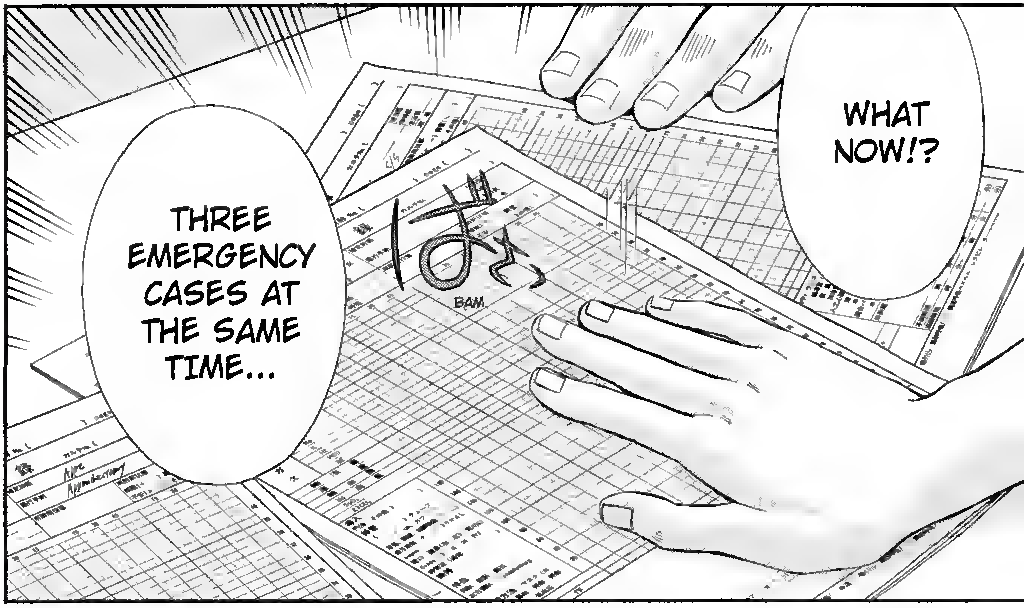
AN OLD MAN WITH A BAD BACK WHO WAS GETTING AN OPERATION UNDER LOCAL ANESTHESIA STARTED GETTING PAIN IN HIS BACK DURING THE OPERATION,
SO I GAVE HIM A BACK-RUB UNTIL THE END OF THE OPERATION...

IF ANESTHESIA ONLY IMPROVED PEOPLE'S CONDITIONS 'JUST LIKE THAT'...
YEAH, OPHTHAL-MOLOGY IS PRETTY REWARDING! ♡
IN CASE OF CATARACT SURGERY, THE PATIENT'S VIEW USUALLY IMPROVES DRAMATICALLY, JUST LIKE THAT.
THEY OFTEN EVEN GET EMOTIONAL AND THANK US SO MUCH!!
ON THAT POINT, OPHTHAL-MOLOGY IS SO WONDERFUL! ♡
WE GET THANKED ALL THE TIME! ♡
I WONDER WHAT THE REWARDING PART OF DOING ANESTHESIA IS...
REWAR-DING EH...
HEY, YOU THERE! STOP STEALING OUR DOCTORS!!
YEAH, COME OVER TO US!!
HANA!
OH GEEZ... I THINK I'M MOVING TO OPHTHAL-MOLOGY AFTER ALL!


...AND ME TOO?
I HAVE TO GO?
TWO OF THEM... THAT MUST MEAN...

YOU TWO! AN EMERGENCY OPERATION!!
TWO OF THEM, EVEN!!
TA-DAH

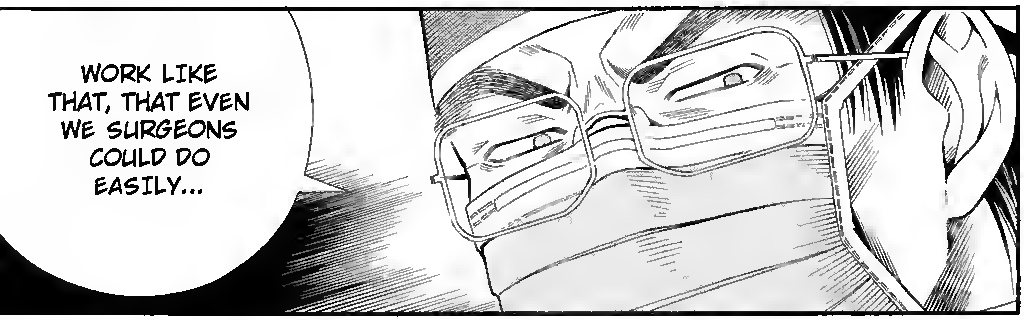

YOU MUST BE KID-DING !?
OH, ONE MORE!!


THREE EMERGENCY CASES AT THE SAME TIME...
BAM
WHAT NOW!?

LET'S TRY ASKING THEM TO LEAVE A LITTLE BIT OF SPACE BETWEEN THE TIME THEY'RE BROUGHT IN THE OPERATION ROOM...
I SUPPOSE YOU'LL BE NEEDING ME AS WELL THEN...
EVEN IF WE HAVE ENOUGH ROOMS...
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ANESTHESIOLOGISTS...
PEEP
DOCTOR UZUKI, NUMBER FOUR COMING IN!!
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE PATIENTS FIRST TO LOOK AT THEIR CONDITIONS...
FOR THE MOMENT BEING...
ANYWAY, THE OPERATION ROOMS ARE FREE.
ALL RIGHT, I'M COMING!
STOMP STOMP

THEY REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY MERCY AT ALL...
STRAIGHT FROM ONE CASE TO THE NEXT,
DO THEY EVER ONCE THINK ABOUT OUR CIRCUM-STANCES!?
WE ANESTHESIO-LOGISTS...
WE'RE REALLY BEING TOSSED AROUND LIKE WE'RE SOME KIND OF CONVENIENT 'TOOL'...
A 'CONVENIENT TOOL' HUH...
EVEN SO...
BEEP
READY TO START?
YES!
WE'RE DOING OUR VERY BEST...
WHOOSH
INSERTING TRACHEAL TUBE!!

HE'S ALREADY WASHED HIS HANDS!?
HEY HEY!! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS?
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN PUT THE TUBE IN PLACE?
WHAT AN IMPATIENT GUY!
SURGEON NATSUME!?
WOOSH
HM?

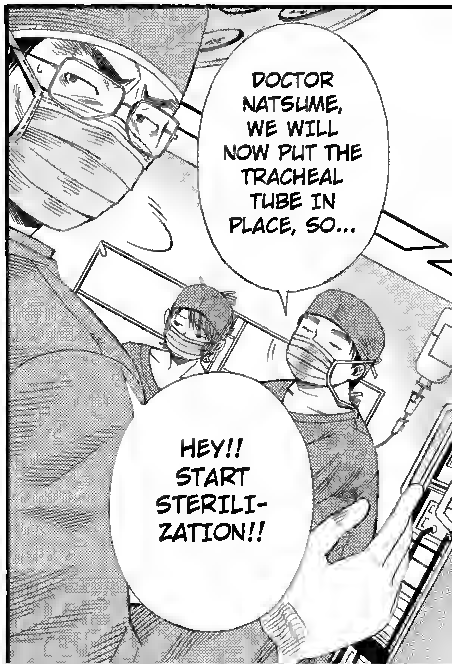

WORK LIKE THAT, THAT EVEN WE SURGEONS COULD DO EASILY...

CAN'T YOU WORK A LITTLE BIT QUICKER THAN THAT, ANESTHESIA DOCTOR? SINCE IT'S YOUR SPECIALTY AFTER ALL...
WHAT !?

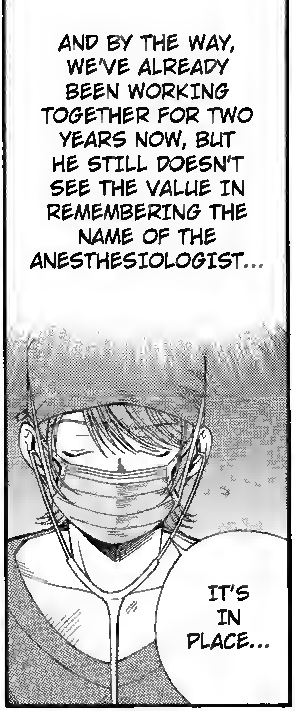
AND BY THE WAY, ABOUT THE TRACHEAL TUBE...
I'M NOT JUST 'ANESTHESIA DOCTORS', YOU SEE! WE HAVE NAMES TOO! I AM ANESTHESIO-LOGIST HANAOKA!!
HANA-OKA!!

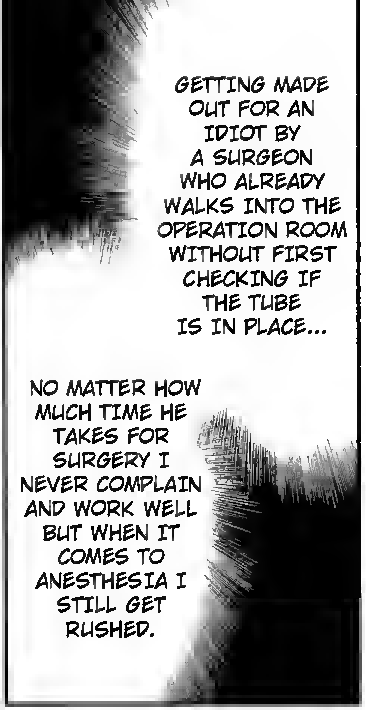
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!? RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF INSERTING THE TRACHEAL TUBE...
CONCEN-TRATE ON YOUR WORK!!
BUT...

WHY!?
...


DOCTOR NATSUME, WE WILL NOW PUT THE TRACHEAL TUBE IN PLACE, SO...
HEY!! START STERILI-ZATION!!

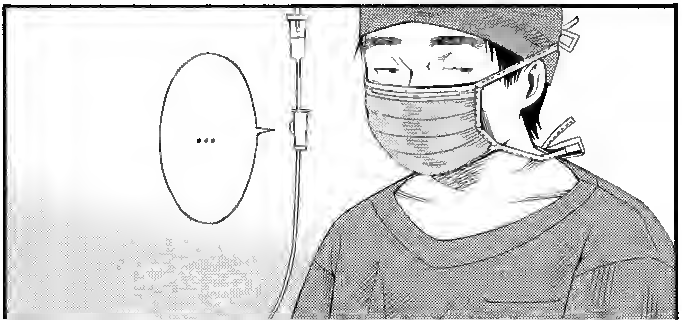
I'LL GO TAKE AN A-LINE.
AH WELL, I'LL JUST DROP IT...


AND BY THE WAY, WE'VE ALREADY BEEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR TWO YEARS NOW, BUT HE STILL DOESN'T SEE THE VALUE IN REMEMBERING THE NAME OF THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST...
IT'S IN PLACE...


GETTING MADE OUT FOR AN IDIOT BY A SURGEON WHO ALREADY WALKS INTO THE OPERATION ROOM WITHOUT FIRST CHECKING IF THE TUBE IS IN PLACE...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME HE TAKES FOR SURGERY I NEVER COMPLAIN AND WORK WELL BUT WHEN IT COMES TO ANESTHESIA I STILL GET RUSHED.

HANAOKA... YOU CAN GO HOME.

I JUST HAVE TO DO MY JOB, RIGHT?
IF I JUST DO EVERYTHING LIKE HE WANTS ME TO, HE'LL STOP COMPLAINING, RIGHT?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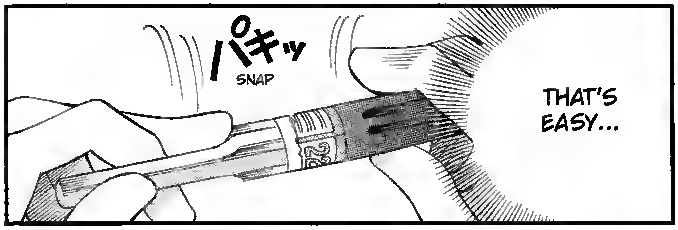
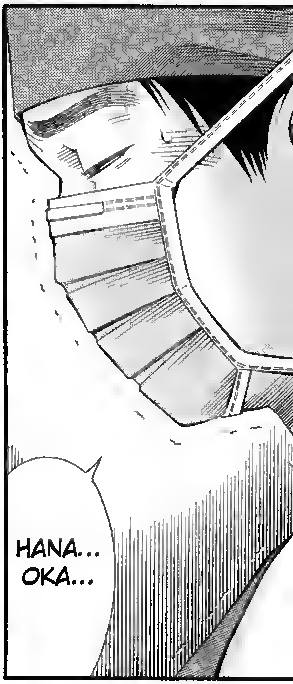
I SHOULD JUST DO WHAT THE SURGEON TELLS ME TO, RIGHT?
BEING KIND OF TIRED IS NOT REALLY DIFFERENT FROM USUAL ANYWAY...

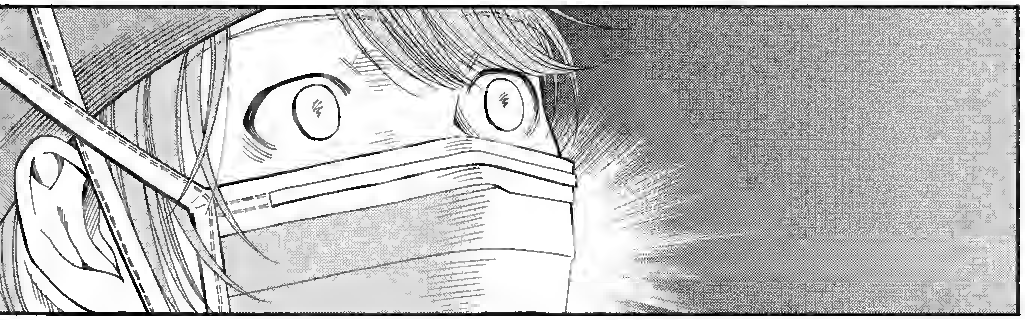
YOU SEEM KIND OF TIRED...
I CAN MANAGE THE REST ON MY OWN.
BEEEP
ピーッ
DON'T WORRY. I CAN DO IT.

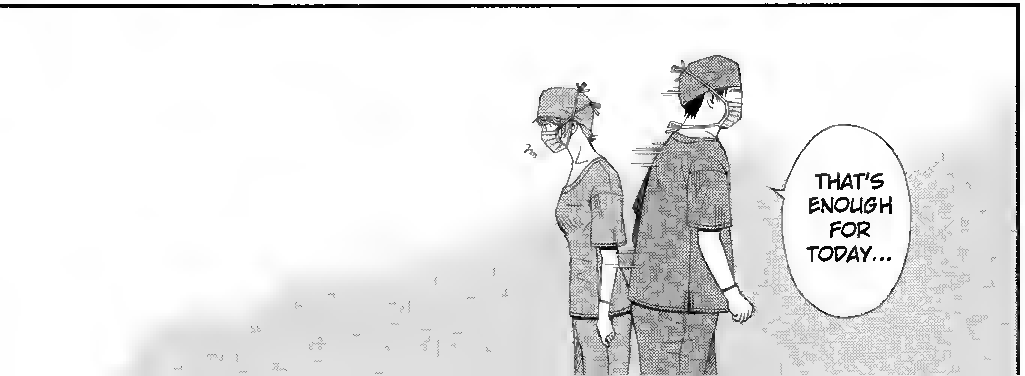

パキッ
SNAP
THAT'S EASY...

DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO GO HOME!?
AH...
GRAB


HANA...
OKA...

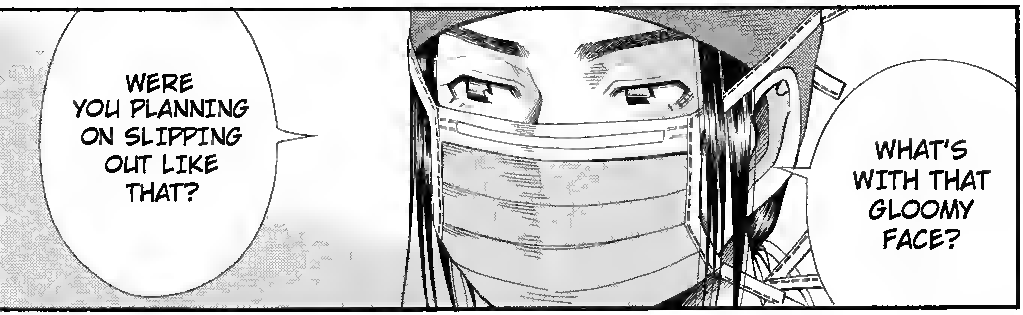
BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO WORK WITH AN ATTITUDE LIKE THAT...
YOU'RE JUST A BOTHER TO ME AS WELL!
I REALLY...
DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU THIS SO STRICTLY,




THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY...

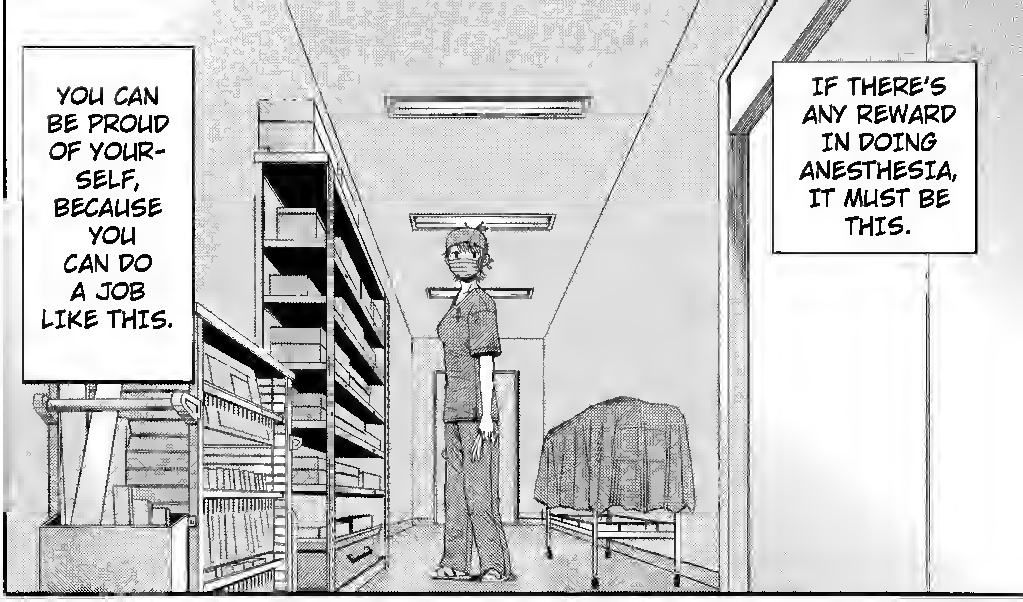
SOMEONE GO CALL DOCTOR KOBAYA-KAWA, QUICK!!
HE SHOULD HAVE JUST FINISHED!
WOOSH
...
OH...
HANA?
...WHAT'S THE MATTER!?
HOW CAN EVERYBODY JUST CONTINUE LIKE THAT...
WORKING CONTINUOUSLY FROM MORNING TO NIGHT,
ALL ALONE, DOING THEIR BEST DAY AFTER DAY...
WITHOUT EVER GETTING THANKED OR PRAISED FOR IT...
GEEZ...
THUD
THUD
THUD
HEY HEY!! CAN'T THEY JUST LET ME SMOKE A SINGLE CIGARETTE?

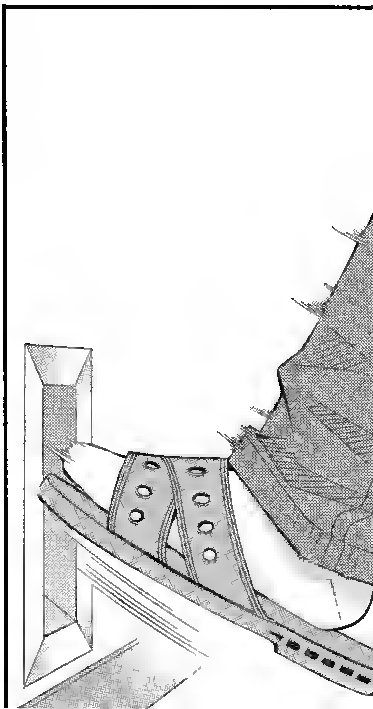
WHY DOES EVERYONE JUST KEEP ON DOING IT...
THIS STUPID...


WERE YOU PLANNING ON SLIPPING OUT LIKE THAT?
WHAT'S WITH THAT GLOOMY FACE?

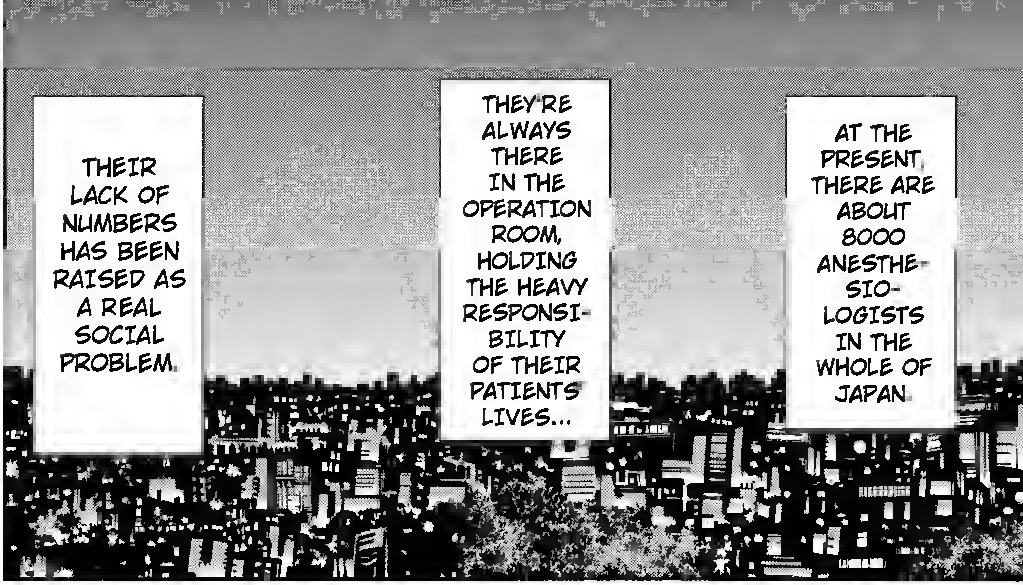
NO SURPRISE YOU GOT CHASED OUT OF THE OPERATION ROOM.
YOU DO REALIZE WHAT YOU DID, RIGHT!?
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL...
THE REASON WHY WE'RE DOING ANESTHESIA...
IS NOT BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO GET WORDS OF THANKS OUT OF THE PATIENTS,
AND NOT BECAUSE WE WANT TO LOOK GOOD IN FRONT OF THE SURGEONS!!
THAT YOU WERE TRAMPLING ON...
THE SPIRIT OF ANESTHESIO-LOGISTS?
ISN'T THE REASON WHY UZUKI GOT ANGRY...

HOWEVER PERFECT WORK WE DELIVER,
IT WILL ALWAYS BE SEEN AS NOTHING MORE THAN OBVIOUS.
AND FOR OUR MISTAKES, WE WILL NEVER BE FORGIVEN...
A JOB SO DAMN TOUGH AS THIS...
WHO COULD EVER DO THAT?
I KNOW I CAN.


YOU CAN BE PROUD OF YOURSELF, BECAUSE YOU CAN DO A JOB LIKE THIS.
IF THERE'S ANY REWARD IN DOING ANESTHESIA, IT MUST BE THIS.



CHIEF, I'M SO SORRY FOR EARLIER.
SO... CAN I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU THEN?
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO CONTINUE!!


THEIR LACK OF NUMBERS HAS BEEN RAISED AS A REAL SOCIAL PROBLEM.
THEY'RE ALWAYS THERE IN THE OPERATION ROOM, HOLDING THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR PATIENTS' LIVES...
AT THE PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 8000 ANESTHESIOLOGISTS IN THE WHOLE OF JAPAN.

BUT EVEN SO... YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD,
SOME DOCTOR IS STILL CONTINUING TO GIVE IT HIS ALL TO SUPPORT THE LIVES OF HIS PATIENTS.
END OF CHAPTER 9

SPECIAL CHAPTER
MY RITUAL
RING
Journal of
nesthesia
Miller
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UMMM...
BL...
...OOD
PRESS...
RING

SPECIAL CHAPTER

MY RITUAL

ON MORNINGS THAT THERE'S A LONG OPERATION ON THE SCHEDULE,
WHAT SH...

YAWN
Sho
IT SUCKS, BUT THIS IS THE ONE THAT WAKES ME UP THE EASIEST.

THIS ALARM SOUND IS REALLY BAD FOR MY HEART...
PEEP ピッ
SIMILAR SOUND AS THE BODY STATUS MONITOR
CALLING IT A RITUAL MAY BE A LITTLE BIT TOO MUCH, BUT I DO HAVE THIS ONE THING.

PHEW!
ゴレゴレ
SCRUB SCRUB
CLIP
きゅっ
GOOD ENOUGH...
にっ
SMILE
I'M GOING TO WORK!!

UH...
WE'RE ARRIVING AT MEDICAL CENTER EAST!
パサッ
ガタ ガタ
CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER
COLLECTIVE RETIREMENT ANESTHESIOLOGISTS
ALL RIGHT!

ムー〜〜

FRESH GREEN LEAVES AROUND, I LOVE THIS SEASON.

トン
TODAY...
WE'RE OPERATING ON A GIANT MENINGIOMA...

DOCTOR NIMURA,
GOOD MORNING!

YOU'LL BE SO SURPRISED WHEN YOU SEE IT!!
YOU SHOULD COME CHECK IT OUT!!
HUH, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THE ANESTHESIA DOCTOR IN CHARGE?
...WAS IT?
BUT THE ONLY SUBJECTIVE SYMPTOM IS THAT THE LEFT HAND SOMETIMES GOES NUMB...
BUT I SEE...
SO...
HAHA... YOU CAN'T SAY THAT BEFORE THE OPERATION ACTUALLY STARTS.
PLAYING WITH
ANESTHESIA STARTS AT HALF PAST EIGHT, AND THE OPERATION IS PLANNED TO TAKE TEN HOURS...
BUT IT'S EVEN POSSIBLE THAT WE WILL BE WORKING ON IT UNTIL TOMORROW...

THEN YOU'RE ALSO HERE TO TAKE IN A GOOD LAST BREATH OF FRESH AIR...
FWP

ON MORNINGS WHERE THERE'S A LONG OPERATION ON THE SCHEDULE,
すぅぅぅ,
BREATH
I TAKE IN ONE GOOD DEEP BREATH OF FRESH OUTSIDE AIR, BRINGING LIFE TO EVERY LITTLE CORNER OF MY LUNGS.
WELL THEN, TIME TO GET GOING!!

FOR THE TIMES THAT I FEEL AS IF I'M ABOUT TO CHOKE,

BEEP
THIS BLOOD VESSEL DOESN'T LOOK GOOD...
DECREASING BLOOD PRESSURE!!
BEEP
BEING STUCK FOR SUCH A LONG TIME IN THE TENSE AIR OF THE OPERATION ROOM.
OR FOR THE TIMES THAT I FEEL AS IF I'M ABOUT TO GO DOWN,
BEEP
INCREASING INJECTION OF PGE!!
BEEP
BLOOD PRESSURE 86/40.
MAINTAINING CURRENT PRESSURE!!
THIS ONE BREATH, GIVING ME THE STRENGTH TO NEVER GIVE UP ON A SINGLE LIFE!

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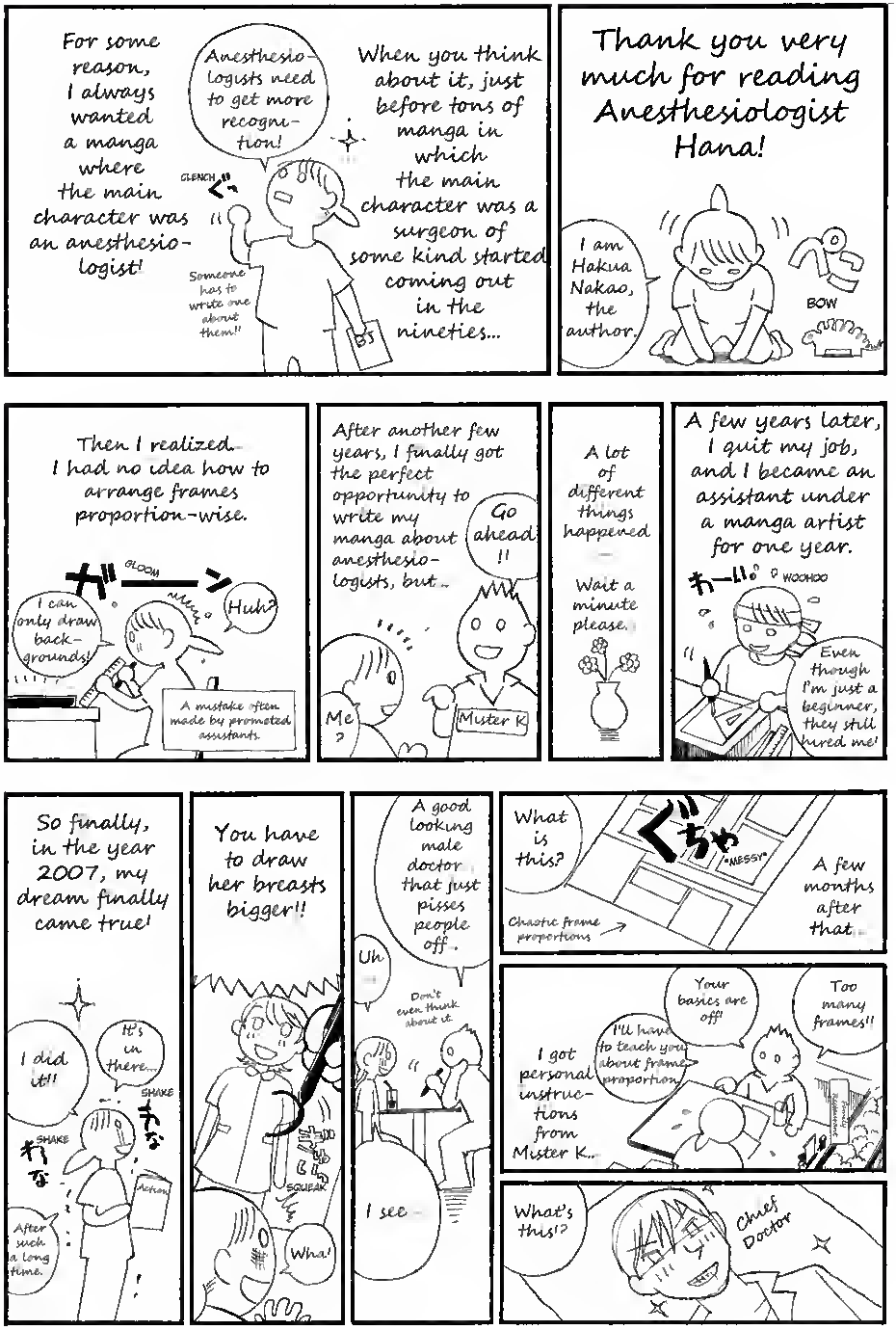

For some reason, I always wanted a manga where the main character was an anesthesiologist!
Anesthesiologists need to get more recognition!
CLENCH
Someone has to write one about them!!
When you think about it, just before tons of manga in which the main character was a surgeon of some kind started coming out in the nineties...
Thank you very much for reading Anesthesiologist Hana!
I am Hakua Nakao, the author.
BOW
Then I realized... I had no idea how to arrange frames proportion-wise.
GLOOM
I can only draw backgrounds!
Huh?
A mistake often made by promoted assistants.
After another few years, I finally got the perfect opportunity to write my manga about anesthesiologists, but...
Go ahead!!
Me?
Mister K
A lot of different things happened.
Wait a minute please.
A few years later, I quit my job, and I became an assistant under a manga artist for one year.
WOOHOO
Even though I'm just a beginner, they still hired me!
So finally, in the year 2007, my dream finally came true!
I did it!!
It's in there...
SHAKE
After such a long time.
You have to draw her breasts bigger!!
SQUEAK
Wha!
A good looking male doctor that just pisses people off.
Uh
Don't even think about it
I see...
What is this?
"MESSY"
Chaotic frame proportions
A few months after that...
I got personal instructions from Mister K...
Your basics are off!
I'll have to teach you about frame proportion.
Too many frames!!
What's this!?
Chief Doctor

Special thanks

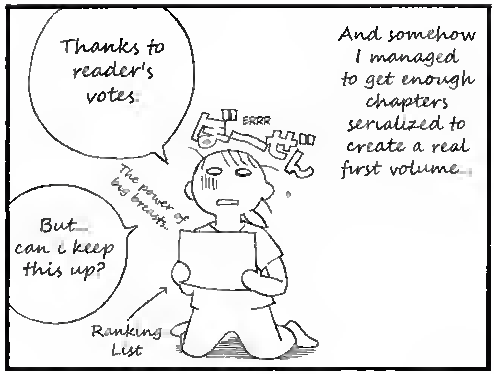
This manga could never have been possible without the help of these people!

Supervisor	Doctor Matsumoto Anesthesiologist
Source of Information	Doctor N Anesthesiologist
Providing me with pictures	Doctor B Digestion
Source of Information	Doctor Y Anesthesiologist
Source of Information and pictures	Doctor S Cardiology
Source of Information and deocumentation	Doctor H Expert in Diabetes
Tone Assistance	Mister M
Tone and Background assistance	Mister S
Chief	Mister K

To all the other people who helped me with my work, and to the readers!

Thank you very much!

Warning: The time setting of this manga is vague. The medical resindency program is from back in the day... and there are many other differences. Also, conveniences such as PHS and electric medical cards... etc are not used. It's actually more modern. Only part of an anesthesiologist's job is depicted. Oupatient pain clinics, ICU etc... and there is more aswell. Gastroenterology clinic doctors are not all as depicted so please forgive me for the scary depiction.


Thanks to reader's votes
ERRR
The power of big breasts
But... can i keep this up?
Ranking List
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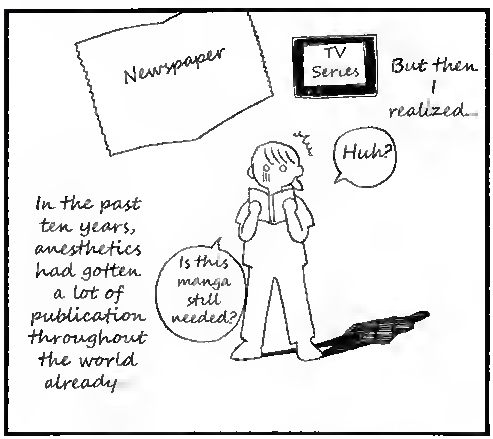
Newspaper
TV Series
But then I realized...
Huh?
In the past ten years, anesthetics had gotten a lot of publication throughout the world already
Is this manga still needed?

Moral of the story: Do better planning!

"EL CHE"

１９６７年７月。コチャバンバ街道をいつのまにか抜けたチェロキーは
もうもうと砂塵の舞う向こう側風に揺れているバンバに突っ込み
プロペラがすでに回転し始めているＤＣ３に向かっていた。
人が草原に起き上がり両手を挙げて車を止める。
父親が慌ててドリフトさせながらその男の真横にピタリとくっつけた。
荷台に積み込んだ医療機器・薬品を指差し話してる、
軽く頷いて父は荷物に顔を潜り込ませ始めた。
君のパパは産婦人科の医者なのか器械があって羨ましいな。
あんたも医者なのか12歳の僕は何だか斜めだった。
医者だけどこれからは血を止めたり痛みをとるだけだな、
医者なんてのは傷や病を治すんじゃなくて
その人間が生き続けようとする事の手伝いをするだけで
生活を善くすることは出来ない、
だけど医者のなかにも治療はしないけど
時には意識を失わせ呼吸を止めて心臓まで止めてまで痛みをとるプロがいる、
一緒にいてくれればなあ、モルヒネと消毒だけじゃね。
いきなりそいつはズタ袋からもういらないからって
モンキーズのアイムアビリーバーと
スタームルガーの22口径リボルバーをくれた。
サンタクルスまでＤＣ３なら２時間
俺達は山を歩いて行くからクリスマスにクリストの所で会おうぜ

俺はエルネスト。
飛び立ったＤＣ３の振動のなかで
父親がそいつは人を殺すには弱いけど一応弾丸は抜いておけって言った。
銃把に〝ＣＨＥ〟か。
１９７０年僕らの中学校の卒業式はゲバラの復活騒ぎによる
静かな革命のあおりをうけたせいで流れ皆てんでばらばらになった。
２００７年僕らはグラウンドに立っていた。
むきだしのレンガの壁は白くペイントされ、
時の鐘はベルに変わり、旗が翻翻となびくボールは木から金属に代わってる。
だけど相変わらず南風は冷たく吹き
乾期の太陽は強く降り注いでいてサッカーゴールに
やっぱりネットはなく僕らにはそのなかに吸い込まれていく
マッシモの蹴った強烈なシュートが青空に溶けていくのが見えた。
チュルッピがボールの台座から飛び降りて僕をみて笑顔をみせて言う。
やっと卒業出来たな俺達。
今、僕はそれこそ本人の全く覚えてないところで
心臓や肺を止めたり動かしたりしてその人の痛みと戦っている。
人生を寸断してしまうかのような超非日常を扱う僕らは
これを決して日常の一部分としちゃいけないよね、
僕はやっと麻酔科医になったよ、エルネスト。遅かったかい？

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